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INCREASE MATHER'S DIARY.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, held in Boston on Thursday, December 14, 1899, Dr. Samuel A. Green made the following remarks: —

More than forty years ago, on March 11, 1858, a valuable gift was made to the library of the Historical Society by Miss Elizabeth Belknap, the daughter and sole surviving child of the Rev. Jeremy Belknap, D.D. It consisted of all the books, pamphlets, and manuscripts relating to American history that had belonged to her father, who may be considered as the founder of this Society. In the collection was a manuscript diary kept by Increase Mather during the years 1675 and 1676, which begins with the new year ("1$^{m.}$ 25$^{d.}$ 1675"), and goes to December 7 ("10$^{m.}$ 7"), 1676. Like many of the ministers of that period, the diarist wrote a hand that was full of abbreviations and contractions; and in this paper it has been thought best not to fill out such gaps for the most part, but to leave the text as originally written when there is no special ambiguity in doing so. As a rule he ended most of his paragraphs either with "etc." or the shortened form "et."; and he was also in the habit of writing "e" (et) for "and." The syllable "er" is generally indicated by a slanting backward stroke through the preceding letter, and there are also other peculiar characters in the manuscript. The syllable "con" is often represented by an arbitrary sign which cannot be shown by ordinary type, and "th" by the letter "y."

The diary is kept in a small bound book, about three inches by five in size, which originally had clasps attached to the covers. It was made by binding together four folds of paper, containing twenty-four pages each. At the beginning of the book are six unnumbered pages, on four of which is some miscellaneous writing not connected for the most part with

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the other contents; and these are followed by eighty-six numbered pages, besides two leaves of duplicated pages near the middle of the volume. In many places certain words and passages are underscored in red ink, which was done by Dr. Belknap for his own use and convenience. Similar markings are found elsewhere in other manuscripts of this Library, which were consulted by him, such as the Belknap Papers and John Marshall's Diary. For ready reference the end of each page of the diary is indicated in the printed copy by heavy-faced figures enclosed within brackets; and the numbers of the four duplicated pages are followed by an asterisk [*]. Apparently the little volume served as a kind of pocket notebook, wherein the writer jotted down briefly the items which he wished to save, and later, in an amplified form, entered many of them in a larger diary. See Cotton Mather's "Parentator" (pp. 36–38), for a confirmation of this view. There is internal evidence that some of the minutes were not made on the day of the date, but two or three days later.

The entries contain many pious ejaculations of the writer, and illustrate the working of his mind on every-day subjects. They are of interest as giving the kind of food that was then thought needful for the mental and spiritual growth of the religious man. There was a strong similarity between his life and that of his contemporary, Chief Justice Sewall, and in many respects their experience was the same.

1675. 1676. p. 56.

Erunt jnsuperabiles si inseparabiles.

Polycrates Greg. Nazianzeni Filius episcop^{us} Ephesionus ait se octavu^{m} esse episcopu^{m} natum ex majoribus episcopis. Euseb. L. 5. [Cap. XXII.] Eccles. Hist.

Dr. Amess Tomb might have had yt Inscript^{n} on it, w^{c}h Scipio by his will appointed to be on His, Ingrata patria ne ossa mea quidem habes.

Dr Butlers Receipt.

Take 3 pints of Malmesy e boyle yrin an handfull of sage, e an handfull of rue, till one pint be wasted. yn strain it e set it over ye fire agñ yn put yrn a pennyworth of long pepp, halfe an once of ginger, e a quarter of an ounce of nutmegs. yn let it boyle a little. yn put yrn 4 penniworth of mithridate. 2 pennyworth Treacle, a q^{ter} of a pint of good aqua vitae, or rather of hot Angelica water. Keep yes as life, above all worldly Treasure. Take it always warme both morning e evening a spoonfull or two, if yo already diseased, e sweat yrvpon. If

not diseased (once a day) a spoonfull is sufficient. In all ye Plague Time vnder God trust to this for certayn; For yr was never man nor woman nor child upon ys deceived, if ye heart were not cleare mortifyed e drowned wh ye sd disease bef. This is not onely good for London plague w^{ch} is called ye sickness, but agt ye smallpox, measles, surfets e diverse other diseases

Thomas Hunt	1
Cotton Mather	2
Obadiah Gill	3
W^{m} Sumner	4
Thomas Walter	5
Thomas Baker	6
Henry Chrtchet	7
John Gough	8
Joseph Billinge	9
Moses Hobart	10
Elias Hobart	11
Timothy Iles.	12
John Barnard	13
Henry Dawson	14

prayer for Nath. & Sam. p. 5, 6, 7.
p. 68. graciously heard.
prayer, p. 35, 38.
A Temptat^{n}. p. 89.

1675.

1$^{m.}$ 25$^{d.}$ 1675. And is it so indeed? Doe I live to write any thing in y^{e} year 1675? Who could have thought yt it should have bin so, wn I was so near vnto death above five years agoe? Providence doth now put me vpo^{n} Humiliatio^{n} extraordinary; & yr is cause for it. 1. pticular e private. 1. For ye sins of ye year past. 2. My old sins. 3. The plagues of Hrt yt doe still abide me. 4. of late Times I have found more respect e esteem amongst men, e wth ye Lords servants yn formerly, how should ye consideration of yt mercy hu^{m}ble me, & break my Hrt! 2. As to ye pvblick state of things. 1. y^{e} Lords people in other pts are in a Low estate. deliverance is not yet come. 2. There are designs agt N. E. 3. The countrey is poor. Blessings on wheat. Trade dead, & ye customes in Barbados e Virginia very prjudicial to ye Trade of ys Countrey. 4. The Colledge is still desolate.

Requests to God in Christ. 1. As to y^{e} publick. 1. yt deliverance may arise for his people abroad. 2. yt N. E. may yet be owned by Him. 3. yt ys year may be crowned wth his goodness. 4. yt ye Colledge may be revived. 5. yt Boston may be prserved from Fires e from mortal diseases. [1]

As to pticular. 1. yt ye Ld wld be with me ys year also. owning

me in my studyes. & in my ministry on Lds days e on Lecture days. 2. Blesse e give acceptance vnto w^{t} I am printing. 3. gvide as to ye Printing of ye sermon I prched ys day 7night.[1] 4. give more of his spirit to me. 5. Bless e ꝑvide for me in my Family. Lord Jesus I com̃it these Requests into yi hands. Humbly begging for acceptance for yi sake, & for thine onely. Amen O Lord Amen!

A. M. Mr [William] Wooddrop prched.

P. M. The L^{d} assisted me in some measure both in prayr e sermon.

26) A. M. Studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M. Interrupted by visitors, yet Ld Helped to study a whole serm^{n}.

Afflicted wth a cold, w^{ch} I thought I felt seyze vpo^{n} me yesterday as I was prhing, being hot, e a cold door open vpon me in ye meeting house. Head stopped. Throat sore. Aking pain in my thighs. yet a gentle afflict^{n}. I have not bin thankfull enough for Health, nor improved yt great mercy for ye hand of God, & good of others, as I might have done, yõ ye L^{d} is righteous e gracious. [2]

27) A M. prpd for sabbath. sic P. M. Examining Hrt e state, I was not altogether wthout Hopes yt ye L^{d} had given me grace, e some growth yrin. O for more of his spirit!

28) A. M. assisted beyond expectat^{n} in prching. some quicknings at L^{ds} Table. espły in praying for children, yt god wld rẽr [remember] his covt̃ towards ym, saying, O Heavenly Father, did not Jesus Christ make His soul an offering for y^{e} sins of o^{r} children, as well as for o^{r} sins; did not c^{t} dy for o^{r} children as well as for vs, yõ let c^{t} see his seed, let o^{r} poor children be converted, yt yy may glorify God wth vs, world wthout end in yt world yt is to come!

P. M. Mr Epps prched.

29) A. M. Transcribed ꝑt of serm^{n}. P. M. visited several. [3]

30) Rode to Cambridge to visit Mr [Urian] Oakes who not well et At night wth mr [John] Higginso^{n} at Mr [Richard] whartons et

31) A. M. Spent in discourse wh mr Higg. P. M. at mr [Peter] Th[acher] Lect. Transcribed ꝑt of serm^{n} on eccl. 7. 17.

2$^{m.}$ 1^{d}) A. M studyed serm. After Lect wh elders et. Read Jacksons Recant

2) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M. e transcribed serm^{n} on eccl. 7. 17.

3) prpd for sabbath.

4) A. M. Mr [Daniel] Gookin prhed. P. M. Ld enabled in prayr e sermon.

5) A. M. My Nath. taken ill wth vomiting & gripings. worms et. Transcribed serm^{n}. sic P. M.

6) Sat vp all night wth Nath. who continued ill. Towards morning

[1] This is an allusion to "The Wicked Man's Portion," a sermon preached on a Lecture Day, March 18, 1674, which is of additional interest as being the first known production from the press of John Foster, the pioneer printer of Boston.

God rebated ye Fever e ye pains w^ch were vpo^n him. A. M. studyd serm^n. Nath. continuing ill, much hindred in my studyes.

7) A. M. Interrupted in studyes by Nats. illness. sic P. M. Little doe children think, wt affection is in ye Heart of a Father. Let ye L^d doe wth me e mine wt seemeth him good. I desire to Trust in his power e mercy. [4]

8) Nath. something better. A. M. studyed serm. After Lect. wth elders et. This day Nath. somewt revived.

9) In ye night my Samuel was taken very ill, e in a fever ys morning. & Nath. seemingly iller today yn yesterday. There hath bin much Health in my Family for a long time; & God has spared ye lives of all my children, but I have not bin thankfull & humble as I should have bin, & therefore God is righteous in afflicting me. I have noth. to say but to ly down abased bef him, & let him doe wth me & mine as seemeth him good. onely I can not but Trust in him yt Hee will be gracious, for his owne Names sake. In prayr not altogether wthout Hope. could doe little at my study bec. of childrens sickness.

10) Sam mended (after I had wept e prayd for his life) vpo^n vsing sallad oyle e a clyster. This day I Fasted e prayd in my study, begging for ye Lives of my two sick children Nath. & Sam. [5]

As for Sam: His distemps were yn removed y^e Ld graciously dealing wth me, as in Isa: 65. 20. dan. 9. 23. Several argts came into my mind, w^ch caused me to Hope yt God wld spare his life; (& I pleaded ym bef ye Ld) one was, yt I had called his Name Samuel ovt of obedience to ye will of God, who requireth me to endeavor to keep vp ye Name & memory of my deceased brother. I thought ye Lord wld in him shew respect in ye Name of his blessed vncle. Also, in yt I had given him to God ye first day yt Hee came into ye world. Also I had prayed (wth Tears e some Faith) bef ys day, for him, yt God would give of yt spirit to ys child w^ch did sometimes rest vpo^n his blessed vncle. His mother, e his Brother Cotton were wth me in my study after a day of secret Hu^miliat^n bef ye Lord, wn I thus prayed for ye child, all of vs weeping for him. Now I thought it might be some discouredgt to Cotton in case Hee sld see yt his poor sinfull Fathers prayrs, were not heard; yõ I humbly pleaded yt wth God.

As for Nathaniel, I had Hope yt God wovld spare him, ye rather bec. [6] yt child hath bin eminently saved fro^m destruct^n e death, several times bef ys, w^ch maketh me Hope, God hath some service for him to doe for his Name; e yt Hee shall be an instru^ment of gods glory in his generat^n. Also (w^ch is great mercy) I pceived yt ye Hrts of some Ctn friends were stirred vp to pray for that child w^ch is a sign, ye Ld intends to Answere. Agñ, Jesus c^t hath bid yt children sld be brought to him yt Hee might bless ym, I yõ brought ys child bef y^e Ld Jesus, & could not but Hope yt He would blesse him, even as ye matter doth require. I gave him vp to y^e Lord agñ, pleading, Lord

Hee is yi child. Hee is not onely my child, but through yi wonderfull grace Hee is yi child, & wilt not thou shew mercy, to him, yt is become yi child? I put him into ye Lords hands, yt Hee wld blesse him both now & forever. So I hoped for mercy, & was inwardly satisfied in my owne spirit. [7]

11) Lds day. Nath. revived. A. M. I was put vpo^{n} prching beyond my expectat^{n}; & God was wth my spirit very much. P. M. Rode to dorchester where Ld enabled me to Prch agñ.

Mr [George] Burroughs pching for me at Bosto^{n}.

12) This day Cous. Coney wth me, who wth many Tears told me how much Hee was affected wth ye serm^{n} yesterday, saying I seemed to him as if I were come fro^{m} Heav. & yt Hee had much adoe to forbear crying out aloud in ye Meeting House as I was prching. I see by ys, yr was a special hand of God in disappointing me of other help & putting vpo^{n} prhing beyond my expectat^{n}, w^{c}h caused me to sit vp ye night bef ye sabbath till nigh 2h. A. M.

This day Nath. ill agñ iller agñ yn yesterday, to Try my Faith e svbmiss^{n} to ye will of God.

13) This day Nath. much revived. His fever left him. Above 20 worms come fro^{m} him at times in ye sickness. studyed serm^{n}. [8]

14) A. M. prpd for Lecture. At Charls Town where day of publick thanksgiving, bec. of Lds goodness in hearing prayer, so as to return ye captives out of Turkish slavery in Sally [Sallee] &c.

15) Ld enabled in prhing Lecture at old church.[1] After Lect Read in Strong on 1 Cor. 3. 22 Burgess, dr Sibbs.

16) A. M. discourse wth Fellows about y^{e} colledge et. P. M. studyed serm^{n}.

17) prpd for sabbath.

18) A. M. Mr S. Danforth prched. P. M. Assisted in work bef me soli cto Laus!

19) At Cambridge on account of Corporation meeting, wn restored ye salary officers of ye colledge to places agñ.

20) studyed serm^{n} for church Fast, till night

21) prption for church Fast. Causes of Humiliation 1. private. old sins. prsent pg̃s [progress]. My weakness & deficiency in respect of gifts. My Sam. not well ys day. Publick. 1. Backward spring. The weather vnseasonable. 2. [9] The churches (espły yt to w^{c}h I am related) in a low condition. 3. There are scandalous reports of some mb̃rs belonging to ys church, w^{c}h is matter of great Hu^{m}iliat^{n}. 4. There like to be a Famin in Virginia, & amongst o^{r}selvs, if Ld be not mercyfull. Requests to God in ct. 1. That Hee wld in his owne Time send a further supply as to ye Ministry in ys church. 2. Be mercifull as to ye season. As to my selfe 1. give more grace &

[1] Meeting-house of the First Church, then standing on what is now known as Washington Street, near the head of State Street. The allusion is to the regular Thursday lecture.

enlarge ye gifts of his spirit. 2. yt his prsence may be wth me, in work I am called to. In Labors in writing, e in my ministry on Lds days e Lecture days. 3. wisedome to goe in e out bef his people, over whom Hee hath set me; Amen. O God in christ Jesus Amen!

This day carried on comfortably. The Ld enabled me to pray to begin e end wth prayr, e to prch 2 hors. The rest of ye Time spent in prayr by ye Brethren. At evening called Br. Sunderland to account et

My Sam. not so ill at night as in ye morning [10]

22) A. M. studyed sermn. P. M. wh elders. dined at C[aptain Thomas]. Lakes et studyed sermn.

23) A. M. studyed sermn. sic P. M. e discourse wth friends.

24) prpd for sabbath. examining selfe. Hope yt grace e some growth yrin wrought in soul

25) A. M. Assisted in some measure. some quickenings at Lds supp, pleading bef ye Lord, yo art or Father, e wee are yi children. Lord take vs into yi arms e keep vs by yi power through Faith vnto salvation. Wee cast or selvs into yi Armes, O or Father. If children cast yms. into ye Armes of yir Father, will not Hee take ym into his Armes. wee yi children doe so this day!

P. M. Mr Epps prched.

26) At Cambridge where Corporatn mett about ye Colledge affairs.

27) A. M. Scripsi catechismum dialecticum P. M. Read in poli. 3d vol. Visited several. [11]

28) A. M. Finished Log. catech. After Lect. dined wth Mr [Peter] Th[acher]. &c.

29) A. M. studyed sermn. After Lect. dined wth Magistrates &c.

30) A. M. studyed sermn. sic P. M. e dē Admonitio &c.

3m. 1d prpd for sabbath.

2) A. M. Mr Corlet prched. P. M. Ld assisted in work bef me. Admonished Br. Sunderland.

3) A. M. Transcribed Admonitn. P. M. discourse wth Governor [John Leverett], mr Bradstreet &c. about ye colledge.

At evening met wth br. Sunderland, who sd yt he hardly dealt wth; That Hee had wronged Himselfe by confessing more yn Hee should doe, And Hee sd yt Hee was not Foresworn. So yt ye effect wch ye ordinance of Admonitn seems to have vpon him, is yt his Heart is more hardned. O ye Ld pitty him. [12]

4) A. M. spke several yt wounded by ye powder wch blew vp forpt of vessel, wch came in ys day from Virginia. P. M. This pvidence put vpon alteratn of Intention, dē subject thought to have pched on &c.

5) A. M. prayd wth Capt. Scarlet[1] who dying by reas. of ye wound

[1] Captain Samuel Scarlet commanded a vessel hailing from Lyme, Connecticut, which was blown up in Boston Harbor just after her arrival from Virginia. For particulars of the explosion, see Sewall's Diary (I. 10) and Hull's Diary in the "Archæologia Americana" (III. 240).

recd yesterday by ye Blow et. His Leg, arm &c. Broken, inwardly bruised, prayd wth 5 other men who sorely wounded by same stroke. P. M. studyed serm^{n}. At Funeral of mr Smith who killed yesterday by blow wh powder in ship &c.

6) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. After lect. wth elders, e at mr [John] Freakes Funeral.[1]

7) A. M. discourse wh Neph. Sam. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. at C. [Samuel] Scarlets Funeral et.

8) prpd for sabbath. Troubled bec. I heard yt my dear Brother Nath. was sick in Ireland, e not likely to Live except removed fro^{m} yer. But after went to Mr. Rawsons to read his daughters łre who wrote dē my brother, I was refreshed, bec. she doth not say, yt Hee dangerously ill. Onely yt had bin often troubled wth flux since in Ireland, e at yt Time (w^{c}h was in Janry) worse yn formerly. Yet Hoped Hee might doe well. However ys [13] ys ꝑvidence calls vpo^{n} me to prpe for his death, & for my owne too, espły considering yt yesterday I heard that mr John Thomso^{n} (my brother Nath. e Hee married 2 sisters) who was my special acquaintance wn I was in E. was dead in Bristol, by ye cruel vsage of ye Bishops. Who knoweth but yt I may live vntill called to dy for, Christ e for his Truth. The Lord prpe me. If things go on a while Longer in E. I am like to be Tryed, whither I Love ye Truth indeed or no.

9) A. M. Neph. Sam. phed. P. M. L^{d} assisted me in some measure in y^{e} work w^{c}h Hee called me to.

10) A. M. Discourse wh friends. P. M. Transcribed serm^{n}.

11) A. M. Transcribed serm^{n}. P. M. visited several &c.

12) Day of elect^{n}. wth elders, & at governors &c. Mr. [Joshua] Moodey prhd ye elect^{n} serm^{n}, And Hee prhed on a Text w^{c}h for some years I have designed to ph of, & thought to doe it in ye old-meeting House in Bost^{n}, but am now prvented. I am vnworthy to be improved in doing service for ye Rising generat^{n}. Alas I have bin too slow in endeavors to accomplish wt I wld doe. [14]

13) The whole day spent in discourse wh elders at mr. [Peter] Thachers, et.

At evening finished Transcript^{n} of serm^{n}.

14) This day almost wholly taken vp wth visitors &c. onely visited mrs Davenport et.

15) Finished e corrected serm^{n} on psal. 31. 15 &c.[2]

[1] Mr. Freake was killed by the explosion on the vessel two days before. His widow afterward married Elisha Hutchinson.

[2] This is the sermon "occasioned by that awfull Providence which hapned in Boston in New-England the 4th day of the 3^{d} Moneth 1675. (when part of a Vessel was blown up in the Harbour, and nine men hurt, and three mortally wounded) wherein is shewed how we should sanctifie the dreadfull Name of God under such awfull Dispensations." The sermon was preached probably on Sunday,

16) A. M. my Br. J. C.[1] prhed. P. M. My Br. S. C.[1] prched.

17) A. M. studyed sermon. P. M. visited several.

18) A M studyed serm^{n}. P. M. read Clark of psecutors.

19) A M studyed serm^{n}. P. M. read Bates Vocatio et

20) A. M. studyed serm^{n} After Lect. wh elders et

21) Fasted e prayd in my study. Hopes of mercy through ye sufferings e merits of Jesus!

22) prpd for sabbath.

Examining selfe. Hopes yt grace e some growth yrin wrought in my Hrt. O Lord Increase it. [15]

23) God enabled me to prch both pts of yẽ day, e also to administer ye Lds supp; & carried me comfortably through all. O wonderfull grace manifested to a vile sinner!

24) wrote epĩe bef serm^{n} on ps. 31. 15 P. M. catechised children Read Cabinet of Mirth et.

25) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M.

26) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. After Lect wh elders at mr [Peter] Thachers et.

27) A. M. Interrupted by visitors yt could doe little at my study. After Lect wh elders. And at Governors. studyed serm^{n}.

28) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. Rode to Cambridge where discoursed wth mr Oakes.[2] expressed to him my resentmt̃ of reflect^{n}s vpon me by some of scholars, as if I desired presidentship &c. Hee sd none thought (for yy knew I might have yt if wld) yt I desired presidentship in Cambridge onely some were affraid, yt I designed such a thing by bringing Colledge to B. Hee owned yt Hee had sd yt I not so plain-told as Hee had thought, but prayed me not to be troubled; e yt I must bear wth yir Jealousy bec. it a matter of great concert̃ &c. pfessed his desires yt I might be at Cambridge et. [16]

29) prpd for sabbath.

30) A. M. Ld enabled in pching e prayr beyond expectat^{n}. P. M. Mr Eps prched.

31) visited several. Read in Franzius History of Brutes. et.

1$^{d.}$ 4^{m}) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. Read in Franzius history of Brutes.

2) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. visited several. studyed serm^{n}.

3) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. wth elders. studyed serm^{n}.

4) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M.

5) prpd for sabbath.

May 23, and was printed by John Foster. It is supposed to be the second earliest imprint from Foster's press, now extant.

[1] These initial letters refer to John Cotton and Seaborn Cotton, both sons of John Cotton, the well-known minister of the First Church, and brothers-in-law of Increase Mather.

[2] Urian Oakes, at this time Acting President of Harvard College.

6) ye Ld graciously enabled me in prayr & prhing both pts of ye day. To him alone be prayse forever!

7) Artillery elect^{n}. After serm^{n} dined wth sovlders. After yt wth some of elders at Mr [Peter] Thachers [17]

8) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M.

9) prpd for Lecture.

10) Ld enabled in prhing e prayr.

After Lect. wth elders. discourse about Dyars reviling ẗre to me &c. Methinks, I have Faith to believe yt God will blesse me ye more, bec. of those revilings. Blessed are ye, w^{n} speake all maner of evill of you falsely. so yy did by ye ꝑphets. O yt ye Lord wld Teach me to ꝑfit by his dispensations. And if I must be reproached, Let it be by such men as Dyar is.

11) Studyed serm^{n}. onely much interrupted w^{t}h visitors.

12) prpd for sabbath.

13) A. M. Mr [Daniel] Gookin prhd. P. M. Assisted in some measure

14) A. M. wth Governor. dined wh coñittee at Turners. P. M. visited several. [18]

15) A. M. read Voeti^{us} de merito cti. P. M. wth S[amuel]. Gyle [1] in prison to counsil him for his soul et.

16) Fasted e prayd in my study.

At evening after ye last prayr, God melted my Heart, yea inwardly moved me very much. so as yt I believed God had heard me. And ꝑticularly, dē dyer ye enemy of ct e of N. E. who hath lately sent a reviling ẗre to me, I coñitted yt matter to God, being ꝑsvaded, yt ye Ld will in due time take yt enemy to doe, & vindicate my poor Name, yt I may not be ye reproach of ye Foolish. I am yō resolved by his grace to endeav^{r} to walk more closely wth him yn ever I did. Amen! O Lord Amen!

17) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. After Lect wth elders. & at mr Stoddards et.

18) A. M. mr danforth was wh me, desiring yt I wld not lay down my Fellowship. ꝑfessing yt those Reports ꝑbout reflections on me in Cambridge were slanders e falsehoods. e desiring yt I wld not believe ym. And yt if I wld accept of ye Presidentship, it wld be selfe denial et P. M. studyed serm^{n}. wh condemned prisoners. [19]

19) prpd for sabbath. examining selfe, Had hopes yt grace e some growth yrin wrought in my soul.

20) A. M. Assisted in phing e prayr. some quicknings at Lds Table. espły in praying for much of ye spirit of ct saying, Ld wee have one argt̄ to ꝑseed wth yn, & it is a great one, e wont to be a

[1] Samuel Giles, of Haverhill. See Sewall's Diary (I. 7) for an allusion to the case.

prvayling argt̃, tht is yi owne Name. If yo wilt give vs much of ye spirit of ct, wee shall yn bring much glory to yi great Name

P. M. Mr Epps prhed.

21) A. M. Transcribed serm^{n}. dined wh Troops. P. M. Wth condemned Prisoners.

22) A. M. discourse wth friends. P. M. at mr [Peter] Th[acher]. e wh Governor about prisoners so yt time miserably lost as to my study. This day my Cotton went to live at ye Colledge. The God of all grace be wth him & never leave nor forsake him, but bless him, e make him a blessing whereever Hee shall bee Amen! [20]

23) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. After Lect. wth mr [Peter] Thacher et.

24) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. After Lect. wth elders. e wth condemned prisoners.

25) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M.

26) prpd for sabbath.

27) A. M. prhed at old chvrh. graciously assisted. Mr Corlet prhed for me A. M. & Mr Jos. Eliot P. M.

28) prpd for publick Fast.

29) Causes of Hu^{m}iliat^{n} ys day. 1. My old sins. 2. prsent pg̃s. Vnsuitable trade of spirits to ye sad awfull dispensato^{n}s of pvidence. 3. Troubles like to come on N. E. fro^{m} abroad. 4. The Indians are vp in armes having killed 7 english men e burnt 20 Houses in swansey. Requests to God in ct. 1. That more of his spirit may given to me, as to gifts e graces. 2 yt his prsence may be wth me fro^{m} day to day. 3. yt Hee wld lengthen our days of Tranquility. 4. subdue ye Heathen, blessing prsent expedit^{n} for yt end. [21]

A. M. Ld assisted in prhing e prayr P. M. my Br. [Solomon] Stoddard [of Northampton] prhed.

30) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. at Governors & wh condemned prisoners &c.

5$^{m.}$ 1^{d}) Called out of my bed bef day to pray wth mrs Hodges. she died bef I got thither. wn I lived vnder ye same roof wth her 6 years agoe, it was not likely yt I shld out Live her. O yt God wld help me to Improve my Time.

Wth several to endeavor yt condemned prisoners might be Reprieved. After Lect. wh elders et.

2) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M.

3) prpd for sabbath.

4) Ld assisted in his work, both pts of day.

5) A. M. Read com̃ent̃s in Isai. 42. 24. discourse wh mr [Peter] Th[acher]. e mr Sh. P. M. read com̃ent̃s in Isai. et

6) A. M. studyed serm. At chvrch-meeting about Br Sunderland &c. [22]

7) A. M. Read in Rutherford dē drawing to ct. In Nort. orthod. evang. Ames. de prpt^{n}e precatoris et. sic P. M.

8) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. After Lect. wth elders. visited several. Read in Owen of ye spirit et.

9) A. M. studyed serm^{n}, sic P. M. & read varios Libr.

10) prpd for sabbath.

11) A. M. Mr Corlet prhed. P. M. Ld Assisted in his work.

12) A. M. discourse wth friends. dined wth Governor. P. M. Read dē Morte cti &c.

13) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M.

14) Fasted e prayed in my study ; And prpd for Lecture.

15) A. M. prpd for Lect. Ld did in some measure assist. blessed be his Name. After Lect. wth elders & wth mr. Jos. Eliot et [23]

16) A. M. visited several. P. M. at mrs Shrimptons burial. studyed serm^{n}. Though much hinderd by Trouble at Cottons [1] being abused by John Cotton, & some other scholars at ye Colledge.

17) prpd for sabbath.

discourse wth J. C. et Hee sd to me yt Those of overseers yt wld brake yt custome of sending errands, did not seek ye ꝑsying of Colledge.

At evening examining selfe, hopes yt Ld hath given Faith e Rep.

18) A. M. Not so enlarged as at some Times, nor so quicknd at Lds Table. P. M. mr epps prhed.

19) A. M. discourse wh friends. dined at Mr. Deans. P. M. Transcribed serm^{n}. Read on Rev. 2. 24.

20) A. M. studyed sermon. sic P. M.

21) Day of Hu^{m}iliat^{n} in 3d churh

22) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. After Lect. wth elders. studyed serm^{n}.

23) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M.

24) prpd for sabbath. [24]

25) Assisted in some measure in work of Ld, bth ꝑts of day.

26) Rode to Cambridge where discoursd wth mr danforth [2] & Mr Okes [2] about taking Cotton fro^{m} Colledge et yy were loth yt sld doe it, yet could not give satisfactory answere to my Reasons.

27) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. Read Willisi^{us} de Memoriâ

28) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M. Read Autores dē Conviction.

29) A. M studyed serm^{n}. After Lect. wth elders et.

30) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. At Charles Towne Lecture. et

31) prpd for sabbath.

6^{m} 1^{d}) A. M. Ld assisted in his work. P. M. rode to dorchester (Mr. [Josiah] Flint being sick) where Ld enabled in prayr. e serm^{n}. To him above be prayse. [25]

[1] At this time Cotton Mather was near the end of his Freshman year, Commencement coming on August 10; and John Cotton was his cousin and classmate. Apparently he returned to college on June 22 (see entry of that date); and perhaps this allusion is to some hazing by the older scholars.

[2] Samuel Danforth, one of the Fellows of Harvard College, and Urian Oakes, Acting President.

2) A. M. discourse wh friends e wth J. C. dined wth Magistrates. P. M. read on Rev. 2. 25.

3) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. read in Carter on Heb. 1. 1. & pagets Chnography.

4) A. M. studyd serm^{n}. P. M. read in Bridges on Luk. 17. 37. et Clarks examples

5) A. M. read de satisfact^{n}e cti. After Lect. wth elders. Read vt pri^{us}. discourse wth Mr P[eter] T[hacher]

6) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M

7) prpd for sabbath.

8) A M. assisted in some measure in prayr e serm^{n}. P. M. Br J. C. pched.

9) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M.

10) At Com^{m}encemnt at Cambridge

11) prpd for day of Hu^{m}iliat^{n} Ill wth vomiting e purging. [26]

12) grounds of Hu^{m}iliat^{n}.

1. My old sins. 2. prsent p̄gs. 3. The sad condit^{n} w^{ch} N. E. is now in by reason of ye Heathen, who have killed many & desolated several Plantations. 4. My Family (e selfe) visited wth illnesses. sad colds e coughs on all my children espły my youngest.

Humble Requests to God in Jesus Christ. 1. For p̄doning mercy, e more grace to see him as I ought to doe. 2. That Hee wld prserve those yt are gone to warr agt̄ y^{e} Indians, causing his enemies to Fall bef. him. sanctifying yes awfull dispensat^{n}s of his Holy p̄vidence. 3. prserve Boston fro^{m} destruct^{n} by fire, e fro^{m} mortal diseases. 4. Looke vpo^{n} my Family. Healing ye children yt are out of case, espły Healing yer sinfull nt̄res, by ye blood of ct, supplying all my wants &c. Amen! O Lord Amen!

This day of Hu^{m}iliat^{n} in old Meeting-House in Boston. A. M. I was so ill I could not goe abroad. Mr Sherman e mr [John] Allin carried on ye work. P. M. ye Ld enabled me to goe abroad, & assisted in pching beyond expectat^{n}. Mr [Thomas] Cobbet prayed. Lord Answere! [27]

13) A. M. Wrote answere to H. G. pap. sic P. M.

14) prpd for sabbath. Examining selfe, could not find any sins w^{ch} I was not (if hrt deceived me not) willing to pt wth. Hopes yt some growth in grace. Ld for more grace.

15) Mr Higginson prched both pts of ye day: yet I prched near an ho^{r} to ye church alone bef Administrat^{n} of Lds supper. some quicknings at ye ordinance, though not so much as at many Times.

16) A. M. read com̄ent̄. in 2 K. 13. P. M. wth Mr Allen et. studyed serm^{n}.

17) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. Read in Clarks examp. Triumph of Low Countreys et.

18) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. After Lect. discourse wth br. J. C. At Governors.

19) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. After Lect. wth elders. dined at Mr. Allins et.

20) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. visited several.

21) prpd for sabbath.

22) A. M. Ld assisted in his work. P. M. br J. C. pched.

23) A. M. read de vsu globi. sic P. M. [28]

24) A. M. read in Firmin real Chn. P. M. discourse wth mr Walley. Read in Clark examples.

25) At Fast in Charles Town

26) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. After Lect. wth elders. Read in Clarkes examples.

27) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M.

28) prpd for sabbath.

29) A. M. Ld assisted in phing e praying. P. M. Mr Walley prched.

30) studyed serm^{n}. Read in Clarkes Examples

31) prpd for day of Hu^{m}iliat^{n}.

7$^{m.}$ 1^{d}) Grounds of Hu^{m}iliat^{n}. private. 1. old sins. 2. prsent p̄gs. 3. Vnpfitableness. Publick. 1. chṫs in E. et. in suffering condit^{n}. 2. In N. E. expedit^{n} agt̄ Indians, vnsuccessfull. 3. Many children in Boston sick. The storm yt hapned lately, has bin prejudicial to many. Requests to Ld. private. 1. yt his prsence may be wth me in my ministry. e in further opening epły to churches. 2. yt ornament of meeke e quiet spirit may be bestowed on me. publick. 1 For deliverance of church out of Trouble. 2. success as to expeditio^{n} agt̄ Heathen. Amen, O Ld Amen! [29]

day of Humiliat^{n} in o^{r} Church. A. M. I prayd e prched e mr Thacher prayed. P. M. Mr Allen prayed. & I prched e prayd. Ld graciously assisted.

2) A. M. Read Coṁent on Revel. 2. 26. After lect. ye Corporat^{n} met in Bost^{n} about Colledge affairs et.

At B. Wilkins marriage et.

3) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M.

4) prpd for sabbath.

5) A. M. M^{r} Corlet pched. P. M. Ld assisted me in prching e in prayr.

6) A Cambridge at Corporat^{n} meeting. I told you I not willing to continue as Fellow any longer, bec. I had bin so abused in C. & yt yy yms. had dealt so wth me as was grievous, sc. in calling ye scholars together to enquire of ym who told tales to me et Mr Okes sd Hee knew noth. of it, but was Troubled wn Hee heard of it. The other 2 young men, mr Gookin e Thacher, Justifyed yir actings. At night I spoke wh ye Governor about it, who sd it was not to be suffered. As I pted wh Mr Okes, I told him, if it wld grieve him, I wld [30] not lay down my Fellowship as yet, bec. I wld practise selfe-denial et. so we pted very lovingly et.

7) A. M. visited several. P. M. Read dē satisfactione cti.
8) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M.
9) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. wth elders. visited several.
10) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M. e read de vsu globi.
11) Fasted e prayed in my study. And prpd for sabbath.
12) A. M. Ld assisted in prching e prayr. Quickenings at Lds Table. P. M. Mr. Eppes prched.
13) A. M. discourses wth several. P. M. visited several. wth S. Gile in prison who condemned to dy on account of Rape.
14) A. M. Transcribed serm^{n}. P. M. read dr Goodwins sermo^{n}s. et
15) A M studyed serm^{n}. After Lect wh condemned prisoners et [31]
16) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. After Lect. wth elders, e Magistrates wth wm dined at Townhouse et. studyed serm^{n}.
17) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M. Read in Clarkes examples et.
18) prpd for sabbath.
19) Ld assisted in his work both pts of ye day.
20) A. M. Discourse wth friends. dined wth soulders. P. M. Read in Firmin Real chn
21) A. M. wrote tres to E. P. M. studyd sermon.
22) Ill wth sickness at stomach, and Lax.
23) A. M. studyd serm^{n}. After Lect. wth elders. dined wth Comissioners.
24) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. Corrected M.SS. in answere to H. G.
25) prpd for sabbath.
26) A. M. graciously assisted. P. M. my br J. C. prched. [32]
27) studyd serm^{n} for ye ensuing day.
28) A day of Hu^{m}iliat^{n} amongst ye Comissioners of Vnited Colonies. A. M. Mr Eliot e mr Thacher pched e prayed. P. M. Mr Allen e mr Shepd prayed, e I pched e prayed y^{e} Ld did Help. God was graciously prsent.
29) A. M. Interrupted by visitors et P. M. studyed serm^{n}. Read in Clark 2. vol.
30) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. After Lect. overseers of Colledge met.
Octr 1. 8$^{m.}$) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. dined wth Comissioners of vnited Colonies. P. M. visited several. studyed serm^{n}.
2) prpd for sabbath.
3) A. M. my Br. J. C. prched. P. M. Ld assisted in his worke in some measure.
4) A. M. Interrupted wh visitors. P. M. studyed serm^{n}.
5) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M.
6) prpd for Fast et [33]
7) grounds of Hu^{m}iliat^{n} bef ye Ld. private. 1. old sins. 2. prsent pg̃s. 3. vnsuccessfullness of my Labors. I doe but cumber ye ground.

O ye patience of God, yt I am not cutt down. 4. Some Touches of Gods hand in my Family of late by sickness. Colds, Fluxes, et. Publick. N. E. is in ye most Lamentable state yt ever was. The Indians risen almost round ye countrey. God doth not goe forth wth o^r^ Armies. Many cutt off by ye enemy. There like to be scarcity of ꝑvision. Some speake as if ye spotted Fever were in Boston. No Reformation wrought by yes Judgts. The Colledge agñ likely to Fall. In E. things are in a very sad posture.

Requests to God in Jesus Christ. That Hee wld sanctify yes Judgts to ye Countrey.

ꝑsy forces in yir expedition agt ye Heathen. Restore peace e plenty.

As to private concerns. 1. give more of his spirit to me. 2. prsence in private studyes, e publick services. 3. Bless my Family wth Health e gracious supplies, as yr shall be need.

Amen! Holy Lord God Amen!

A. M. Ld graciously assisted me in pching & in prayr

P. M. my br J. C. prhed

8) A. M. studyed serm^n^. sic P. M. [34]

9) prpd for sabbath.

Examining selfe, Hopes yt grace e some growth yrin wrought in my soul.

10) A. M. graciously assisted in pching e in prayr, And quickned at Lds Table.

11) A. M. Read Coñents in Rev. 2 27. P. M. Read in R. Wards politick strategy. studyed serm^n^.

12) A. M. studyed serm^n^. dined wh Coñissioners at C[aptain Thomas]. Lakes. A. M. at Funeral of mr davyes child.

13) prpd for Lect. Visited several sick ꝑsons. discourses wth several yt visited me et

14) A. M. prpd for Lect. I prayed wth Tears in my study, bef I went to prch, yt ye Ld wld be wth me, & owne e bless my Labors for glory to his name, e so as to cause Reformat^n^ of those things w^ch^ are displeasing to him in ye Countrey. God was wth me in his worke. gave me acceptance beyond expectat^n^; & I hope will cause ye Magistrates e deputies (ye General Court now sitting) to consider of wt was sd to ym, e to endeavo^r^ a Reformat^n^ of evills, yt God may turn fro^m^ his displeasure. Amen e Amen! [35]

15) A. M. studyed serm^n^. P. M. visited several yt sick. studyed serm^n^.

16) prpd for sabbath.

17) A. M. Ld assisted. P. M. My br. J. C. pched.

18) Mett wth Coñitee appointed by ye General Court to consider about Reformat^n^ of those evills w^ch^ ꝑvoke Ld agt̃ N. E.

19) A. M. wth Coñittee. P. M. visited several sick ꝑsons.

20) A. M. studyed serm^n^. sic P. M. Read in Clarkes Examples

21) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. After Lect. wth elders et

22) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. Read in Revi^{s} de Capillitio &c.

23) prpd for sabbath. Read in Revius et

24) A. M. graciously Assisted. P. M. My Br. J. C. prched.

25) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. visited several. Read de Capillitio.

26) Read com̄ents in Rev. 2. 28. ys day road fro^{m} dorchester et. P. M. discourse wh friends. Read variores Autores et [36]

27) A. M. read in Libris philosoph. de stellis et sic P. M.

28) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. After Lect. at Meeting of overseers of Colledge.

29) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. at mr Cutts Funeral.

30) prpd for sabbath.

31) A. M. Ld assisted in his work. P. M. my br. J. C. prched.

9$^{m.}$ 1^{d}) studyed serm^{n}.

2) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. read varios Autores.

3) Fasted e prayd in my study not altogether wthout Hope of gracious acceptance through Jesus ct.

4) A. M. discourse wh visitors et. After Lect wh elders. dined at mr Th[acher]. et.

5) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M. e read goodwin on Eph. 8. 16.

6) prpd for sabbath. Examining selfe Hope yt grace wrought in soul, e some growth yrin [37]

7) A. M. my br. J. C. prched. Some quicknings at Lds Table. P. M. graciously assisted in pching e prayr, though had bin Ill ye night bef. wth gripings et yt affraid, I sld not have bin able to prh.

8) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M.

9) Fasted e prayed in my study e prpd for Lecture.

10) Prched ye Lecture at y^{e} New-Meeting House.[1] graciously assisted me in ye morning as I was sitting alone in my study, I was suddenly moved by ye spirit of God, e wonderfully melted into Tears, wth a firm pswasion yt God would make me his mouth, & owne ye words I sld speak, in his name, so as yt much good sld be done yrby: Amen dear Lord Jesus!

11) A. M. visited several After Lect. wh elders. studyed serm^{n}.

12) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M. e read in Twiss agt̄ Hoard e de scientia Mediâ.

13) prpd for sabbath. [38]

14) A. M. mr Corlet pched. P. M. graciously assisted.

15) A. M. discourse wh friends. P. M. visited several. Read in Reynolds e Sibs on Hos. 14.

16) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M. Read Parei orationes.

17) At Cambridge where elders mett to discourse of Reformat^{n} &c.

[1] Meeting-house of the Third Church, now better known as the "Old South," corner of Milk and Washington Streets.

18) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. After Lect. wth elders &c. discourse wh mr. Brinsmead[1] who Lodged wth me et

19) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M.

20) prpd for sabbath.

21) A. M. Rode to dorchester. Ld there assisted in prhing. mr Philips pched for me. P. M. mr Eppes.

22) A. M. discourses wth friends. P. M. studyed serm^{n}.

23) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M. e Read in Clark Vanity of earthly things.

24) prpd for Lecture [39]

25) A. M. prpd for Lect. P. M. Ld graciously assisted in pching e prayr. After Lect. dined wth mr Allin. Read Tollis^{n} of ye Jews et

26) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M. read in Clarkes examples.

27) prpd for sabbath. Called out of my bed to pray with dr. Hoar who near vnto death. Hee desired me to take his Nephew John Hoar[2] vnder my Tuitio^{n}, e to write to his Father, if Hee wld be Reconciled to his son et

28) A. M. mr P. Thacher pched. P. M. Ld assist in his worke.

29) A. M. studyed serm^{n} sic P. M.

30) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. visited several sick e afflicted. Read in Clark exam.

10$^{m.}$ 1^{d}) prpd for day of Hu^{m}iliat^{n} in Publick.

2) Grounds of Hu^{m}iliat^{n} bef ye Lord. private. 1. My old sins. 2. Prsent p̃gs. pride, sensuality, sloth, Hardness of Hrt̃. Not affected wth ye miserable state of N. E. as yr is cause for. 3. deficiency as [40] as to gifts. 4. The vnsuccessfullness of my labors. I doe little good in my generation. 5. The Reproaches w^{ch} some cast vpon me.

As to Publick. 1. N. E. is in a most lamentable state by Reaso^{n} of yt warr wth ye Indians. Famine like to ensue. Trading dead &c 2. The Ld hath lifted vp his hand agt̃ Boston, in yt ye small pox hath bin in ye harbor. And a very mortal contagious Fever in ys Town e in other places in ye country.

Requests to God in ct. 1. yt Hee wld p̃sy ye expedit^{n} agt̃ ye Heathen. going forth wth Armies. 2. prserve Boston fro^{m} fires e desolating Judgt̃s.

give more of his spirit to me, respecting gifts e graces. Be prsent wth me in studyes, e in Publick Labors. guide as to ye course of my ministry fro^{m} Time to Time. Amen! dearest Lord, & Heavenly Father! Amen!

[1] Rev. William Brinsmead, of Marlborough. See Proceedings (second series, IV. 298–302).

[2] See Historical Collections (fourth series, VIII. 571, 572), for a few lines about the nephew.

ys publick Fast Mr Corlet prhed A. M. Ld graciously assisted me P. M. in praying e in pching. [41]

3) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M.

4) prpd for sabbath. examining selfe. Hopes yt grace e some growth yrin wrought in my soul. Lord give more.

5) A. M. Not so inlarged as at some Times nor quickened at Lds Table. The seaso^{n} cold e my Hrt̃ like it I find yt outward things will discompose ye spirit. yea outward heat et cold in extreme. P. M. Mr. Brinsmead prched.

6) A. M. Rode pt of way to Braintree whither dr Hoars body was carryed ys day to be interred. P. M. Read in Owen et Theol.

7) A. M. Read in Owen Theol. Hist. dined wth coñissioners at Mr davyes visited mrs davenport et.

8) A. M. read in Owen. P. M. After Lect. wh elders et

9) A. M. studyed serm^{n} After Lect. wh elders, & at br. [Richard] Collicots et. studyed serm^{n}

10) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M.

11) prpd for sabbath. [42]

12) Graciously assisted in ye Lds work in ye former, but espły in ye latter pt of ye day.

13) A. M. wrote ltrs to E. P. M. Read coñenṫs in Rev. 3. 1.

14) A. M. discourse wh friends P. M. studyed serm^{n}. Read in Clarkes 2 vol.

15) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M. & read in diverse Authors et

16) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. After Lect. wth elders. dined wh mr Thacher. studyed serm^{n}.

17) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M.

18) prpd for sabbath.

19) A. M. Mr Foster[1] pched for me. P. M. assisted in some measure though not as at many Times.

20) A. M. Read Jos. Alleyns cases Resolved et P. M. read in Owen de Theol & in Clarkes examples. [43]

21) A. M. read in Elias Levita. P. M. Read Buxtorf. Lex. Thalmud.

22) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. discourse wth mr Brinsmead who Lodged here. Read in Clarkes exa^{m}ples

23) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. Read in Clarkes exa^{m}ples.

24) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M.

25) prpd for sabbath.

26) A. M. mr Burroughs pched. P. M. graciously assisted in prayr e serm^{n}

27) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M.

[1] Perhaps Rev. Isaac Foster.

28) Fasted e prayed in my study, not altogether wthout Hopes of gracious acceptance through Jesus Christ.

29) prpd for Lecture.

30) Ld graciously assisted me in pching y^e^ Lecture. After Lect. dined wh mr Allin. studyed serm^n^.

31) A. M. studyed serm^n^. sic P. M. Read in Clarks examples. [44]

11^m.^ 1^d^) prpd for sabbath. examining selfe, hopes yt grace e some growth yrin wrought in my soul. Lord! more grace!

2) An extreme cold day. H. not such quicknings of affect^n^ as at other times, & neither in pching nor at Lds supp P. M. Mr Norton [1] prched.

3) A. M. Read in Fenner Alarm. P. M. studyed serm^n^. but interrupted in studyes by sore throat et

4) A. M. studyed serm^n^. P. M. revewd M.SS. in answer of H. G. Read on Clarkes examples

5) A. M. studyed serm^n^. P. M. Read Leigh of Colledges.

6) A. M. studyed serm^n^. After Lect wh elders. & at mr Thachers, visited his daughter et

7) A. M. studyed serm^n^. sic P. M. Read on Clark.

8) A. M. prpd for sabbath.

9) A. M. Mr Epps prched. P. M. graciously assisted. [45]

10) A. M. studyed serm^n^. sic P. M. Read in Clarkes examples

11) studyed serm^n^. Read in Clark

12) prpd for day of Hu^m^iliation.

13) Causes of Hu^m^iliat^n^ bef ye Lord.

As to Publick concerns. 1. The sword is not yet put vp into ye scabbard. 2. The Army hath recd a rebuke in yt 6 captains have bin lately slain at once. 3 There are sad diseases e terrible in ye countrey. e. g. At Plymouth yr is a Malignant Fever yt is very Mortal. At Glocester ye small pox is in several Families. diverse already dead yr. 4. Boston is vnder awfull tokens of divine displeasure. several dead (e many sick still) of yt Fever. yea e ye small pox is now come into ye Town. one dyed yesterday yrby. [As to private concerns. 1. My old sins. 2. plagues of Hrt̃. 3. vnthankfullness for special fav^rs^. God has continued Health to me e mine. God hath pvided for me in yes difficult Times but alas I have not bin thankfull as I sld have bin] 5. There fears of an approaching Famin. 6. Reformatio^n^ doth not goe forward. Magistrates too slow in yt matter. [46] Humble Requests to God in ct As to Publick. 1. That ye Armes may be prserved. The Ld keep ym fro^m^ ys Terrible disease of ye small pox. And Rebuke ye Heathen. 2. Heale his people. 3. In special, Let ye Lord have compass^n^ vpon Boston; & suff not ys disease to spread

[1] Rev. John Norton, of Hingham.

here. Enemies are risen vp agt̃ vs; & yõ Let not ye Compassionate God, rise vp agt̃ vs too at ye same Time. 4. sanctify yes Judgt̃s, so as to cause a Reformat^{n} of evills.

As to private. 1. The Lord give more of his spirit to me. 2. Be prsent wth me, in ye worke I am called vnto. 3. Bless my poor sinfull Family & continue Health yrin.

I trust in christ, my Lord e my God, for a gracious Answere.

Amen! Holy Lord God, Amen!

A. M. Mr Peter Thacher prched. P. M.^{d} Ld graciously assisted me a sinfull creature, in prayr e sermon. [47]

14) A. M. Read Hieron of Pliny. P. M. studyed serm^{n}.

15) prpd for sabbath.

16) A. M. Mr Corlet prhed. P. M. Not so inlarged as at some times.

17) A. M. Read J. d. notes. P. M. read in Firmins Chn et Life of Richard 3.

18) A. M. Read coñent̃s in Leu. 18. 3. et P. M. visited several. studyed serm^{n}.

19) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. Read dr Hoares[1] catalogue et.

20) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. After Lect. wth elders &c.

21) A. M. visited several. wth mr Hains about Gorges Patent. P. M. Looked over Bookes in dr Hoars study et studyed serm^{n} at night

22) prpd for sabbath. [48]

23) A. M. Mr Fletcher[2] pched P. M. graciously assisted in work of Ld.

24) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. in dr Hoars Library.

25) Fastd e prayed in my study. e studyed pt of serm^{n} for Lecture.

26) prpd for Lect. Read in Alsted et

27) A. M. prpd for Lect. graciously assisted in Lds work. After Lect. dined wth ye Magistrates where ye Governor reflected on me, on ye account of some passages in my serm^{n}. viz. yt strangers sd, yt yy had seen more drunkennes in N. E. in halfe a year yn in E. in all yir lives. Hee sd yt yy yt sd so lyed. And yt yr was more drunkennes in N. E. many years agoe yn yr is now, yea at ye first beginning of ys Colony. Mr. Stoughton Replyed pleasantly, yt I must pch a Recantat^{n} sermon. I told him, no, but if men wld not accept my Labors God will. As for ye Governor, He hath bin ye principal Author of ye multitude of ordinaries w^{ch} be in Boston, giving licences wn ye townsmen wld not doe it. No wonder yt N. E. is visited, wn ye Head is so spirited. [49]

[1] Dr. Leonard Hoar died on November 28, 1675, and this allusion is to the catalogue of his library.

[2] Rev. Seth Fletcher, of Saco, Maine. See Historical Collections (fourth series, VIII. 599 *note*).

28) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M.

Sad thoughts in my Hr̃t wth respect to ye state of ys poor countrey, fearing yet greater Judgt̃; e ill success as to Armies: Bec. 1: God seemes to be agt̃ vs in resp. of ye season A fortnight or 3 weekes since it was bitter cold, yt p̄vis^{n} could not reach ye Army, wn yy had ye Indians at an advantage. Now it is like April (some yt have bin in ye countrey above 40 yea 50 years p̄fesg yy never knew ye like at ye time of ye year) whereby ye Indians have an advantage to escape. 2. people are not Hu^{m}bled e Reformed. full of murmurings, e vnreasonable Rage agt̃ ye enemy. 3. It is to be feared yt yir is guilt vpo^{n} ye Land in resp. of ye Indians yea Guilt of blood in resp. of ye Indian so treacherously murdered at Chelmsford. I am affraid God will visit for yt g̃f. 4. one of ye great sins of N. E. is a noli me tangere, to E. straithandedness towards ministry e ye ordinances of God. 5. Magistrates have no Heart to doe wt yy might in order to Reformation. esp̄y ye Governor. Nor will yy call vpo^{n} ye churches to renew yir covt̃ wth God. Ld be mercifull e fit for yi Holy pleasure. [46*]

29) prpd for sabbath. examining my selfe e state bef ye Ld, I was not wthout Hope yt converting grace saving grace e some growth yin, wrought in my soul. The Ld Jesus add vnto it!

30) A. M. assisted in pching beyond expectat^{n} gracious quicknings & enlargements, at ye Lords supp. Blessed be God in ct! P. M. mr. Epps pched.

31) A. M. several visitors et P. M. heard Relatio^{n}s of 3 desiring to Joyn to church. Read com̃ents on Rev. 3. 1.

12$^{m.}$ 1$^{d.}$) A. M. studyed serm. sic P. M. Read in Clark 2 vol.

2) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. After mr Thacher Lect. wth elders et And wth old Negos who sent to speake wth me, being a Lamentable object, crying out yt ye devill had power over him, e yt yr was no hope for him, yt God. had forsaken him, e answered him not Hee is an old e hath bin a strict p̄fessor formerly, but Love of drink e a proud high spirit, hath brought him to ys misery.

3) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. After Lect. wth elders. studyed serm^{n}. [47*]

4) A. M. at church-meeting, where I read several of ye Laws respecting Reformat^{n}, p̄ticularly those Laws w^{ch} respect excess in apparel, & Townedwellers being at Taverns, & solemnly exhorted ye church to attend ye things yr mentioned. Also I read yt w^{ch} was recom̃ended to churches respecting yr childre^{n} of ye church, declaring my willingness to attend wt I thought ye Rule required in yt respect, I desired yt yy will bring to me ye Names e ages of yir children, yt I might send for ym, e enquire into yir sp̄te estates &c.

After ye church was gone C[aptain Thomas]. Lake e mr Richards stayed, & C. Lake sd (ye other seconding him) yt wn ministers did lay a solemn charge vpo^{n} people, it might take in ye ignorant, but no rational

men wld regd wt was sd ye more for yt. I told ym, Truth had ye more Authority with it wn it came in such a way, as wn a Father injoyned ys or yt duty, yr was ye more weight spoke in wt was sd, bec. it came fro[m] a Father. And I put ym in mind of yt scripture. Heb. 13. 17. [48*]

5) prpd for sabbath.

6) A. M. Mr Gersh[m] Hubbard[1] prched. P. M. Ld graciously assisted me in his work.

7) A. M. discourses wth visitors. P. M. wrote ẗres to E. Read in Clarke.

8) A. M. Wth mr Fost[r] at his press &c dined at mr deanes. P. M. discourse wth mr Thacher, shepard et. Read de doctoribus Misnicis.

9) A. M. studyed serm[n]. P. M. read Goclenij Logicae praxin. e Ration. disputandi. Read in Clark et

10) A. M. studyed serm[n]. After Lect. wth elders. visited several. studyed serm.

11) A. M. studyed serm[n]. sic P. M.

12) prpd for sabbath.

13) Ld assisted in his work both pts of day. To him alone be all ye prayse. [49*]

14) A. M. read coments in Josh. 7. P. M. visited several.

15) A. M. studyed serm[n]. P. M. composed ye difference between R. W. e his wife et

16) A. M. studyed serm[n]. P. M. At Obadiah Walkers Funerall.

17) A. M. studyed serm[n]. After Lect. wth elders. And wh Council at Mr. Rowlandsons[2] request, to desire yt meanes might be vsed to Redeem his wife e children out of hands of enemy et

18) A. M. studyed serm. P. M. read on Owen de Theol.

19) prpd for sabbath

20) A. M. mr. epps phed. P. M. graciously assisted in Lds worke.

21) A. M. wth mr. Allen, Governor et. P. M. studyed serm[n].

22) Fasted e prayed in my study.

23) prpd for day of Hu[m]iliat[n]. [50]

24) Grounds of Hu[m]iliat[n]. 1. My old sins. 2. Abiding p̃gs. 3. Not being sutably affected wth ye awefull pvidences of God round about. As to Publick. 1. ptestant Interest Low. A sad Inundat[n] in Holland. 2. In Virginia many English killed. 3. N. E. in a miserable state. This day fortnight Lancaster in great pt destroyed; Many taken captive e killed by Heathen. mr Rowlandso[n]s Family carried captives.

[1] Rev. Gershom Hobart, who a year or two later was settled over the church at Groton. Together with two brothers he graduated at Harvard College in the Class of 1667. See Sibley's Harvard Graduates (II. 229–234).

[2] Rev. Joseph Rowlandson, of Lancaster, whose family was captured on February 10, 1675–6, by the Indians.

Last 2d day, Medfield in great pt destroyed. 4. There is a Malignant Fever in Salem e in Boston. In diverse Houses near mine.

Requests to God in ct. 1. yt more of his spirit given to me. 2. That his prsence may be wth me in his work. 3. Yt my Family graciously prserved by him.

As to Publick. 1. The Ld have mercy on his Jerusalem every where. 2 pitty N. E. 3. sanctify yes Judgt̃s. 4. Have Compassⁿ on ym yt deep suffers in ys day of calamity. 5. Restore peace to ys Land. 6. prserve Boston froᵐ desolating judgt̃s. Amen! O Lord Amen!

A. M. Mr Noel prayed. Mr. Allen pched. P. M. Mr Eliot prayed. I pched. Ld graciously assisted. [51]

25) A. M. studyed sermⁿ. sic P. M.

26) prpd for sabbath. examining self Hopes yt grace e some grace in soul.

27) A. M. graciously assisted in prayr e pching; e quickened at Lds Table. P. M. my br Cottoⁿ phed.

28) A. M. studyed sermⁿ. sic P. M. e read in Clarkes examples.

29) A. M. studyed sermⁿ. P. M. Read in Clarke.

1ᵐ 1ᵈ.) prpd for day of Humiliatⁿ. appoynted by General Court.

Causes for Huᵐiliatⁿ 1. psonal. Former pg̃s. And prsent evills: Alas I am not affected wth ye miseries of others as I sld be; Nor wth ye dolefull state of ys Countrey. pride. vnthankfullness. vnbelief. carnality. 2. Publick. great desolation lately come vpoⁿ 2 Plantations. The sword not yet putt vp. grievous sinning e murmuring amongst ye people. Famine e other Judgt̃s seem near at hand. [52]

Request to God in ct. That more of his spirit may be given to me that Hee would enable me to carry it in ys day of Temptatioⁿ, as shall be pleasing in his sight, e for ye honor of his Name. That Hee would bless e pvide for my Poor sinfull Family. That Hee would sanctify yes awfull Judgt̃s on ye Countrey. And Reverse ym in due Time. Rebuke ye Heathen. psy Armies. Prserve Boston froᵐ desolating Judgt̃s. Amen! gracious God, Amen!

2) I have ye greater cause to be Humbled ys day in yt my precious mother dyed on ys day of ye month, 21 years agoe.

A. M. Mr Fletcher prched. P. M. P. M. [*sic*] Ld graciously assisted me in prayr & in pching also. To him be glory forever.

3) A. M. studyed sermⁿ. sic P. M.

4) prpd for sabbath [53]

5) A. M. Mr Corlet pched P. M. graciously assisted.

6) A. M. Read coñents in 2 Tim. 3. 5. sic P. M. Read in Owen Theol.

7) A. M. mr Higg. wh me et Interrupted in studyes by visitations et P. M. studyed sermⁿ.

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8) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M. Read in Clarkes examples.

9) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. After Lect. wth elders. At night studyed serm.

10) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. at Nathan Rainsfords [1] Funeral.

11) prpd for sabbath.

12) A. M. Mr Gersho^{m} Hubbard phed P. M. graciously assisted in Lds work.

13) A. M. wrote łre about Renewing Covt̄. P. M. at S. Greens et

14) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M. supped at Mrs Hoars. [54]

15) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M. Read Clark 2^{d} vol.

16) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. After Lect. wth elders. And wth mr Thacher studyed serm^{n}.

17) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M. visited Mr Wigglesworth, C[aptain William]. Davis, Mrs Winslow yy being sick.

18) prpd for sabbath.

19) A. M. Mr Epps prched. P. M. graciously assisted.

20) A. M. visitors wth me. P. M. wth mr Thr e mr All. about Lres to ministers et. studyed serm^{n}. at night.

21) studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M.

22) Fasted e prayed in my study, e prpd for Lecture.

23) A. M. prpd for Lect. Assisted in some measure in Lds work. After Lect. wth elders. e wth mr Rowlandson et [55]

24) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M.

25. 1676. prpd for sabbath. examined my selfe by ye signs of vprightness in Scudders dayly walk. e by ye signs of a godly man in Byfield, as also by ye markes I am wont to examine by; & I was not wthout Hope yt a work of grace is wrought in my soul, e some growth yrin. Ld Jesus perfect it.

26) graciously quickned at Lds Table ys day & assisted in pching both pts of ye day

27) A. M. Read in Owen de Theol. P. M. visited several widows et Read in Clark

28) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. Read in Clark 2. vol. ad finem vsq.

29) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. After Lect. at Mr. Thachers, C[aptain Thomas]. Lakes et studyed serm^{n}.

30) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. After Lect. wh elders. visited Governor Winthrop [2] who ill &c. [56]

31) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. discourse wth my br Tim. studyed serm^{n}.

2^{m} 1^{d}) prpd for sabbath

2) A. M. Mr Gersh. Hubbard prhed P. M. graciously assisted in Lds work.

[1] A merchant of Boston, who had previously been a cooper at Charlestown.

[2] John Winthrop, Jr., Governor of Connecticut, who died on April 6.

3) At Cambridge ys day, where ye Corporation mett to consider of Colledge affairs.

4) A. M. wrote ẗre to Dr Owen &c P. M. visited Governor Winthrop who sick, e C[aptain]. Davis et. Read in Dr Sibs. et

5) A. M. read in Dr Sibs. P. M. at G. Wẗms burial. studyed serm^{n}.

6) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. Interrupted in study wh Sams. illness. After Lect. wh elders. And discourse wth elder Humphrey et.

7) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M. onely disturbed wth Sams. illness.

8) prpd for sabbath. [57]

9) A. M. graciously assisted in Lds worke. P. M. Rowlandson pched.

10) A. M. Read Mortons Hist. of N. E. P. M. at Governor Winthrops Funeral. Read in Morton.

11) A. M. Read in Hall of Magistrates. P. M. read coñents on 1 Pet. 4. 17.

12) A. M. at chrch-meeting where Mr Alcock & Mrs Moulder, made Relations et P. M. visited several. studyed serm^{n}. At chrch-meeting. I ꝑpounded yt church wld looke after further supply as to ministry but yy not willing, but desired deac. to distribute out of contribut^{n} towards such as sld occasionally ph, 10^{s} et

13) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. After Lect wth elders. At Mrs Wades. S. Greens et.

14) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M.

15) prpd for sabbath.

16) A. M. Mr Hubbard prhed. P. M. Assisted graciously. [58]

17) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. visited several who sick. e studyed serm^{n}.

18) Fasted e prayed in my study. wth hopes of gracious acceptance in Jesus ct

19) prpd for day of Hu^{m}iliat^{n} at old Meeting House.

20) Day of Hu^{m}iliat^{n} at old meeting. A. M. mr Noel prayd, e mr Allen pched P. M. mr Allen prayd, e I pched & prayd. graciously assisted in Lds worke.

21) studyed (& also coñitted to memory) a whole sermon ys day.

22) prpd for sabbath. examining selfe, hopes yt grace & some growth yrin wrought in my soul. Let Jesus Christ carry it on to ꝑfection!

23) A. M. graciously assisted in Lds work quicknings at Lds Table. P. M. mr Wiswall prched.

24) A. M. Read in Hall on 2 Tim. 3. dined at mr. Diers. P. M. visited several. Read in Owen Theol. [59]

25) A. M. read in Owen de Theol. P. M. visited mr Th. Sheaf mr Wiggl. Read in Owen, e Clark examples.

26) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. After Lect. wth elders et. Read paps out of E. et.

27) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. After Lect at Maj. Willards [1] Funeral. et

28) A. M. discourse wh br J. C. P. M. at mr Lidgets [2] Funeral. studyed serm^{n}.

29) prpd for sabbath.

30) A. M. mr Hubbard pched. P. M. graciously assisted in Lds worke.

3$^{m.}$ 1^{d}) A. M. wrote Hist of warr Indians. sic P. M.

2) Wrote more of Hist. sic P. M. e discourse wh diverse elders yt visited me ys day.

3) Election day. P. M. wh elders at Mr Allens e Mr Vshers.

4) A. M. wth elders at mr Thachers. sic P. M. e at General Court At evening prayed wth Hannah Collicot who lay a dying. [60]

5) Little sleep in night bec. of Naths. Illness. A. M. wrote more of History. P. M. studyed serm^{n}.

6) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. at burial of Hannah Collicot. visited mr Deering et

7) A. M. Mr Arnold prched. P. M. my br J. C. pched.

8) A. M. wrote exh. sic P. M. Much of Time taken up wth visitors.

9) Grounds of Hu^{m}iliat^{n} bef ye Ld. p̣sonal. old sins. Abiding p̃gs. Bodily distemps prevayling vpo^{n} my children espły Nath. & Sam. Publick. The Good People in E. are still exposed to sufferings. In Virginia ye Indians Cutt off many of ye english. N. E. is in sad estate. The warr wth ye Indians still having little success. Nor fitness for deliverance. ys is a sickly time. many in Bosto^{n} ill. some dye. Requests to God in ct. Mercy fro^{m} his people abroad. for N. E. For Boston For my sinfull Family that health may be yrin For myselfe, yt I may be guided e assisted as to writing dē state of N. E. et [61]

10) A. M. wrote p̣t of exh. sic P. M. Interrupted by visitors. wrote more of exh. At mrs wheatons Funeral.

11) A. M. wrote more of exh. After Lect wh elders. wrote more of exh.

12) A. M. wrote more of exh. sic P. M. discourse wh visitors.

13) prpd for sabbath.

14) A. M. Mr Willard [3] prched. P. M. graciously assisted.

[1] Major Simon Willard, of Groton, whose house there was the first one burned when that town was destroyed by the Indians, on the 13th of the preceding month. He died at Charlestown on April 24.

[2] Peter Lidget, a rich merchant of Boston, who died on April 26.

[3] Rev. Samuel Willard, of Groton, then without a charge, as that town had been destroyed by the Indians a few weeks previously. Soon afterward he was settled over the Third Church (Old South) in Boston, and later he became the Vice-President of Harvard College.

15) A. M. visited several yt sick. P. M. Wrote more of exh.

16) A. M. Finished exhort. P. M. at mr Russels[1] Funeral in Charles Towne. Read in morning exercise et

17) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. at Funeral of mr Vsher.[2]

18) A. M. Transcribed exh. After Lect at mr Atwaters[3] Funeral. wh A. I told him yt ye report yt he & his wife e B. d. lay all in one bed at Salem. Hee sd so did, e Justified it bec. intended no hurt, e it was his wives desire yt it sld be so. I am afraid scandal to ye gospell will so arise. much sin be cõmitted e greater Judgt hastned on ys place. [62]

19) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M. And at Mrs Wades Funeral.

20) Fasted & prayed bef ye Ld in my study examined myselfe, & prpd for sabbath.

21) A. M. graciously assisted. And quickned at Lds Table. Between meetings prayed wh C. davis, e Mr Thacher, who very sick. P. M. Mr [William] Wooddrope prched. visited 4 several sick Families.

22) A. M. wrote epīe ad Hist. P. M. visited sick psons vp e down.

23) A. M. visited sick. sic P. M. in 10 sick Families ys day. corrected pt of M.SS.

24) A. M. corrected M.SS.

After Lect wh mr Thacher who sick, e wh mother et. studyed serm^{n}.

25) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. After Lect wth elders. studyed serm^{n}.

26) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M. At C. davis[4] Funeral. [63]

27) prpd for sabbath.

28) A. M. mr G. Hubbard phed. P. M. graciously Assisted in ye Lords work.

29) A. M. visited sick psons. pvsed M.SS. P. M. pvsed my mothers M.SS.

30) A. M. discourse wth friends. P. M. Read in Owen de Theol. At Mrs deerings Funeral. prayed wh several sick children.

31) A. M. visited several sick psons. P. M. pvsed my mothers M.SS. e took Inventory. Read in Clarks examp

4$^{m.}$ 1^{d}) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. After Lect wh elders. & at Mr Thachers who ill agñ.

2) A. M. visited several sick psons. P. M. studyed serm^{n}. discourse wth my br. S. e J.

3) A. M. Looked over, e made divis^{n} of movables et. P. M. prpd for sabbath.

[1] Richard Russell, who died on May 14, according to Sewall's Diary. "A magistrate and the County Treasurer; a godly man." (Hull's Diary, p. 242.)

[2] Hezekiah Usher, who died on May 14.

[3] Joshua Atwater, who died on May 16.

[4] Captain William Davis, who commanded a company in the Pequot War, and was also the commander of the Artillery Company.

4) A. M. my br. J. C. phed. P. M. my br. S. C. I prhed at dorchester. [64]

5) A. M. at Artillery elect^{n}. I refused to dine wth souldiers bec. it was in an ordinary, contrary to ye Law established, as considering, it wld not be possible to Reforme ye comon sort of people in things of yt con, if Leaders did not set bef ym a good example. P. M. divided Rest of movables et

6) A. M. wrote more of History. P. M. studyed serm^{n} et.

7) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. visited several et.

8) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. After Lect. visited several. At Mrs Minots[1] Funeral et

9) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M.

10) prpd for sabbath

11) A. M. mr Emerson prhed. P. M. Assisted in some measure in Lds worke.

12) A. M. wrote lres to E. P. M. Read in Clarkes examples.

13) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. read in Clarke. catechised children. [65]

14) Fasted e prayed in my study.

15) A. M. Added to History. After Lect. wth elders. et.

16) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. Read History of Severitus [Servetus?] P. M. Studyed serm^{n}. Read Franklin of Antict.

17) prpd for sabbath. examining state, Hopes yt grace & some growth yrin.

18) A. M. Assisted (in some measure) in pching e prayr. Quickened at Lds supp in last prayr.

19) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M.

20) prpd for day of Humiliat^{n} in o^{r} congregation.

21) causes of Hu^{m}iliat^{n}. Publick. 1. The chs in E. in suffering condit^{n} 2 The sword is drawn still in N. E. 3. of late it hath bin a sickly Time. private. old sins. present pgs. matters of prayr. 1. Mercy for E. 2. for N. E. 3. success to Armes already 4. yt peace may be Restored. 5. Boston prserved. personal. [66] 1. For more of cts spirit. 2. His prsence wth me in his worke. 3. guidance as to Labors in writing et.

A. M. Ld assisted in prayr Mr Willard phed. P. M. graciously assisted in ye Lds worke.

22) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. After Lect. wth elders. & at Mr Thachers et.

23) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M. e read Coma Berenices et

24) prpd for sabbath.

[1] Mrs. Mary Minot, widow of Captain John Minot, whose will is dated June 5, 1676.

25) A. M. Mr Willard prched. P. M. graciously assisted in phing e in prayr.

26) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. Read in Moxon of Globes et.

27) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. wrote more of History. Read in Clarkes examples. [67]

28) prpd for day of Thanksgiving.

29) grounds of Thankfullness bef ye Lord. 1. Publick; all those 8 pticulers mentioned in serm^{n} to day. 2. psonal. Former mercyes mentioned in diary. 1672. p. 31, 32. of late. 1. God hath given me esteem amongst his people. 2. something of his prsence in his worke 3. Hath prserved my habitation & Bookes, wn several ministers, (mr Glover, Rowlandson, dum̃er) in ys Land have bin deprived of such mercyes. 4. Hath continued Health to me. yea wn of late almost every body was ill of ye cold yt was epidemical, God spared me ye chief of sinners. 5 Hath plentifully pvided for me in yes difficult Times. 6. He hath healed my sick children. Nath. e Sam. were both sick in ye spring. but God hath recovered ym. Samuel was near to death again about a fortnight agoe, I Fasted e prayed for his Life, & God hath heard me. Let his Name alone have prayse e glory! Bless ye Lord O my soul! [68]

A. M. Assisted in some measure in work of Ld. P. M. Mr Brinsmead prhed.

30) A. M. discourse wth those yt visited me. P. M. visited others.

5$^{m.}$ 1^{d}) A. M. wrote additon to History & exhort. P. M. read in Herberts pson. studyed serm^{n}, last disappointed in Helpe.

2) A. M. mr Hubbard pched. P. M. mr Richardson prhed. I rode to dorchester & pched yr. graciously assisted in ye Lds work.

3) A. M. wrote more of History. sic P. M. e wth mr Thacher et

4) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. Read Herberts Countrey pson. Read in Clarks Examples.

5) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M.

6) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. After Lect. wth elders. visited sundry.

7) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. wrote more of History. catechised children. Read Mays History of warr in E. [69]

8) prpd for sabbath.

9) A. M. graciously assisted in Lds worke. P. M. mr Clark prhd.

10) A. M. discourse wth mr J. R.[1] P. M. wh mr Th. at Charles Town to discourse wh mr. Shepd about connecticot contribut^{n} et Read mr Stows ltre to mr Miles. Read in Owen

11) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. listn forg child weake. [*This entry has been crossed out.*]

[1] Perhaps John Richards, a member of his church and a prominent man in the community.

11) A. M. read in owen on Heb. 2 vol. P. M. discourse wh mr Th. e Mr shep. Read coments on Heb. 4.

12) Fasted e prayd in my study. Hopes of gracious acceptance through ye merit e mediat^{n} of ct.

13) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. After Lect wth elders, e at printers et.

14) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. read dē swearing in Boreman, Powell et

15) prpd for sabbath. examining selfe, Hopes yt grace e some growth yrin wrought in my soul. [70]

16) A. M. assisted in some measure in Lds worke. graciously quickned at Lds supper.

17) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M. e visited several.

18) prpd for Lecture.

19) prhed Lect at New Meeting House Assisted in some measure. After Lect. wth mr Thacher. At printers[1] et.

20) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. After Lect. wth elders. At printers et.

21) studyed serm^{n}. Read dē swearing. discourse wth mr Brock et

22) prpd for sabbath.

23) A. M. Mr Hubbard prhed. P. M. graciously assisted in Lds worke.

24) A. M. discourse wth several. P. M. visited several (dined at mr diers). wrote epłe to exh

25) A. M. wrote more of History. P. M. Read in Voetius. [71]

26) A. M. wrote epłe. P. M. Read in Voetius. Hist. of Formosa et

27) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. After Lect. wth elders.

28) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M. read in Clark e Caryl.

29) prpd for sabbath.

30) A. M. graciously assisted in Lds worke. P. M. mr. [William] Brinsmead prhd.

31) A. M. wth Mr Winthrope et. P. M. wh. mr Thacher, &c. wrote Hist.

6$^{m.}$ 1^{d}) A. M. Read in Cowdry e Hughs of sabbath. dined wh Comiss. at mr Jolliffs. P. M. Read in Owen of sabbath.

2) A. M. wrote more of Hist. P. M. read de sabbathe.

3) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. After Lect wth Magistrates. e wth mr Thacher et

4) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M. Read in Twiss e Bownd of sabbath.

5) prpd for sabbath.

6) A. M. Mr Willard prhed. P. M. Ld assisted in his worke. [72]

[1] At this period John Foster was the only printer in Boston. "An Earnest Exhortation to the Inhabitants of New-England" by Mather, was printed about this time.

7) Fasted e prayed in my study. though much interrupted, by visitatiōns of those yt come to see me et.

8) At Coñenct in Cambridge. At night wth Capt Foster[1] of dorchester, who desired me to have special care dē his sons in Bostō after his death et

9) A. M. wrote more of Hist. P. M. wth elders at Generall Court et

10) This day spent wth elders in consultatn. Mr Cobbet, mr Thacher, mr oakes, mr shepd mr Torrey, e my selfe appointed as a Comittee to draw vp elders answere to q. of general court, so yt wee could not attend ye Lecture, bec. taken vp wholly wth ys affair. There was a gracious prsence of God wth vs. No one but Mr Hubbard of Hingham, declaring nonconcurrence wth ye Rest. Although mr Eliot at first scrupled, yet at last Hee consented.

11) A. M. studyed sermn. sic P. M.

12) prpd for sabbath. examining selfe found signs of grace e some growth yrin. Ld for more!

13) A. M. graciously assisted in prhing e prayr. some quicknings at [73] at Lds Table. espły in last prayr, wn I sayd vnto God. wee know yo wilt bestow great glory vpon vs in another world forever, but shall not wee yn yrin endeavor to bring much glory vnto yee, wn last wee are, in ys world? Now Lord Help vs in it!

P. M. Mr Bułkley prched.

14) A. M. wrote History.[2] P. M. visited several. Read in Clarkes Examples.

15) A. M. wrote łres to E. P. M. visited sick e others.

16) A. M. wrote Hist After Lect. wh mr Thacher. Read Owen of sabbath.

17) A. M. studyed sermn. After Lect wh elders. At press et Read in Chamberlain state of E.

18) A. M. studyed sermn. sic P. M. e read Lds day sabbath. et.

19) prpd for sabbath. [74]

20) A. M. mr Hubbard prhed. P. M. graciously assisted in Gods worke.

21) A. M. Finished History. P. M. Visited several. Read dē Th Coñandt.

22) At Cambridge where Corporatn mett about chusing a Fellow.

23) A. M. studyed sermn. Read Camel e Rivet et on precept. 5. P. M. at Peter Bennets Funeral et.

24) A. M. studyed sermn. P. M. wth elders. At printers, e at mr Allins et

[1] Hopestill Foster, father of John, the first printer of Boston.

[2] An allusion to Mather's "Brief History of the VVar with the Indians in Nevv-England, (From June 24, 1675. . . . to August 12, 1675. . . .)," etc.

25) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. At Governors. studyed serm^{n}. Read in Clarke.

26) prpd for sabbath.

27) A. M. mr Willard pchd. P. M. Ld assisted in his worke.

28) A. M. wrote ẗres. P. M. visited several

29) A. M. Read of Covetousn. P. M. studyed serm^{n}.

30) studyed serm^{n}. Read in Capell Hall et [75]

31) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. After Lect. wth elders. e at Corporat^{n} meeting. e at br Collicots wh mr deering et

7$^{m.}$ 1^{d}) studyed serm^{n}.

2) prpd for sabbath.

3) A. M. Mr. Corlet phed. P. M. Ld. assisted in work in some measure.

4) A. M. Read in Help to disc. P. M. spent in visitations.

5) A. M. Read coñents in Heb. 13. P. M. visited sick psons et

6) Fasted e prayd in my study.

7) A. M. Interrupted wh visitats. After Lect. wth elders. dined at mr Allens. studyed serm^{n}.

8) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. discourse wh R. W. dē Mr W. Hee sd, yt had heard 20 men say *of me, yt if I wld leave B*[1] yt my Hearers yt if I wld Leave ym I might; e if I were gone, yy did not doubt but yy sld have a better. et. but named onely 2 yt dead, who I believe never spake so seriously. [76]

prpd for sabbath. examining selfe, hopes yt grace e some growth yrin wrought in my soul.

10) A. M. Assisted in some measure in prhing e in prayr. & administring at Lds Table, though not so quickned as at some Times. P. M. Mr Willard prched.

11) A. M. Read in Owen Theol. P. M. In Coñon where Training et.[2] At mrs davenports Funeral.

12) A. M. spent mostly in discourse wh visitors, espły G. Biles 2 such dē spłe estate. P. M wth Mr T. to pswade him to pray in hs Familye. Read in Help to discourse.

13) A. M. discourse wth Mr Barclay. P. M. Read Theol. of Judgt̄, e Clark de Avaritiâ.

14) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. After Lect. wth elders et

15) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M. e discourses wh friends et

16) prpd for sabbath.

17) A. M. graciously assisted in pching e prayr. P. M. mr. Barclay prched. [77]

[1] Italicized words crossed out in the original.

[2] According to a manuscript entry in an old almanac, there was this day a "Mock Fight. Indian Fight," presumably on the Common, as that was then the Training Field. See Sewall's Diary (I. 16 *note*).

18) A. M. visited several wh Mr Barclay. P. M. visited others et

19) A. M. wrote ℔res. Read mr Lawsons paps. P. M. visited several. Read in Owen Theol.

20) A. M. Read dr Stoughton of Covetousness. P. M. Read in Hall on 2 Tim. 3. 2. At Mrs Endicotts Funeral.

21) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. After Lect wth elders, discourse wth Mr Stoughto^{n}

22) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. Read in discourse of witchcraft. studyed serm^{n}.

23 prpd for sabbath.

24) A. M. mr Barclay prhed. P. M. Assisted in some measure though not so inlarged as at some Times.

25) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. visited several.

26) A. M. visited mr Lake e others. P. M. Read mr Neh. wisweles M.SS. catechised e examined ch. Morals children

27) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. read Help to disc. ad finem vsq. [78]

28) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. After Lect dined wth Cõmissioners. visited Mr davenport e Mr Willard et studyed serm^{n}.

29 A. M. Read dẽ sacrifice. P. M. rode to dorchester to visit Capt Foster.[1] Read in Owens exercit. 24.

30) prpd for sabbath.

1^{d} A. M. my br. J. C. prhed. P. M. graciously assisted.

8$^{m.}$ 2^{d}) This day, Interrupted wth visitors yt could doe little at my study. onely wrote ℔res.

3) At Roxbury where day of Hu^{m}iliat^{n}. At night studyed sermon.

4) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. read de sacrificio.

5) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. After Lect. wth elders. et Read in Syn. Leyden. de Missa.

6) Fasted & prayd in my study. At night Read in Albaspinus de Ritib^{us} Ecclesiae.

7) prpd for sabbath. Examining my Hr℔ e state bef ye Ld, I had Hopes yt grace e some growth yrin. wrought in my soul.

8) A. M. graciously assisted. some quicknings at Lds Table. P. M. Mr. Rowlandson phd [79]

9) studyed serm^{n}.

10) prpd for day of Hu^{m}iliat^{n} at new Meeting House.[2]

11) Grounds of Hu^{m}iliat^{n}. private. 1. old sins. 2. Remaining p℔s. 3. vnpfitableness. I doe little good in my generat^{n}. 2. Publick 1. In E. things sad. 2. In N. E. sword is drawn still. 3. Cont a sickly Time. Matters of supplicat^{n}. 1st more of spirit of ct given to me. 2. yt my Labors may be successfull. 3. My Family blessed. 4. yt

[1] Captain Hopestill Foster, who died on October 14, 1676.

[2] Meeting-house of the Third Church.

Ld wld have mercy on his people in E. et. 5. That peace e Health may be restored to N. E. Amen! O God in christ Jesus Amen!

Fast in New meeting House.

A. M. Mr Thacher prayd e pched. P. M. Mr Allen prayd, e I pchd e prayd. graciously assisted.

12) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M. Not abroad at Lecture bec. troubled wth flux.

13) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M. e wrote ŧre to Dublin et

14) prpd for sabbath. e wrote ŧres et [80]

15) A. M. mr G. Hubbard prhed. P. M. graciously assisted in Lds worke.

16) A. M. wrote ŧres to E. P. M. at mr Allins where read Mr Bonds M.SS. et

17) At Fast in Town House wth general court, in reference to Messengers being sent to E. et

18) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. Read in clark. e in cic. orat.

19) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. After Lect. wth elders. studyed serm^{n}.

20) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M. e catechised children.

21) prpd for sabbath.

22) A. M. Mr Willard prhd. P. M. graciously assisted in Lds worke.

23) A. M. wrote defence agt̄ mr B. sic P. M.

24) A. M. Read Autores de sinceritate. P. M. read C. g. M.SS. about ye won

25) A. M. read C. G. M.SS. ad fin^{m}. P. M. studyed serm^{n}. discourse wh C. Torrey et [81]

26) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. wh elders At mrs paddyes Funeral. studyed serm^{n} et

27) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. at mrs. scarlets Funeral. et.

28) prpd for sabbath. Read in Purchase of America et

29) A. M. mr G. Hubbard prhed. P. M. Assisted in some measure, yet not so mch inlarged bef at many Times.

30) A. M. wrote Hist. of first Troubles by Indians. P. M. Read in Purchase.

31) Fasted e Prayed in my study. some meltings of Hrt̄ bef ye Ld. e Hopes of gracious acceptance, through christ. Amen!

9$^{m.}$ 1^{d}) A. M. Read in Purchase. P. M. wrote more of History et

2) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. After Lect. wth elders dined at Mr Allens. studyed serm^{n}.

3) A. M. wrote more of Hist. dined wh Magistrats. P. M. studyed serm^{n}.

4) prpd for sabbath. examining my owne Hrt̄ e state I had hopes yt grace e some growth yrin wrought in my soul. [82]

5) A. M. graciously assisted e quickned at Lds Table. P. M. my br. Cotton prhed

6) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. wrote more of Hist. At night Read in Clark.

7) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M. e at mr John davenports Funeral.

8) prpd for day of thanksgiving.

9) grounds e causes of solemn thanksgivings bef ye Ld ys day. Besides ye pticulars mentioned in diary. 1672. p. 31, 32. 1. Publick mercyes ment^{n}d in serm^{n}. 2. The Ld hath bin prsent wth me in his work. 3. Hee hath given me e my poor Labors to find acceptance amongst his people. 4. Hath given Health to me e mine wn it hath bin a sickly Time. 5. Hath graciously pvided for me, wn it hath bin a difficult Time. 6. Hath restored my sick children (espły Samuel) to health agñ. Bless ye Lord O my soul.

A. M. mr Hubbard pched. P. M. graciously Assisted.

10) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M. e read in Bell et At Mrs Winthrops Funeral.

11) prpd for sabbath. Read mr H History of Pequot warr et [83]

12) A. M. mr Gersh. Hubbard phd. P. M. graciously assisted.

13) A. M. wrote more of Relat^{n} of Troubles et sic P. M. Read Mort^{n} et

14) A. M. wrote more of Relat^{n} et. P. M. visited sick. Read vt pri^{us}

15) A. M. wrote more of Relat. P. M. Read in C. Smiths experiences et. Read coñents in Zeph. 3.

16) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M.

17) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. P. M. at mrs Atwaters. studyed serm^{n}

18) A. M. prpd for sabbath. sic P. M. Read mr Hub. M.SS.

19) A. M. mr Thornton prhed. P. M. graciously assisted.

20) A. M. Read in Johns^{n}. P. M. wrote Hist.

21) A. M. wrote Hist. P. M. Read Acts of Coñissioners.

22) A. M. Read Acts of Coñiss. e wrote more of Hist. sic P. M. read on Rev. 3. 3.

23) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. After Lect. wh elders. studyed serm^{n}. [84]

24) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. sic P. M.

25) prpd for sabbath.

26) A. M. mr Gersh. Hubbard pchd. P. M. Ld assisted me graciously. This was ye last serm^{n} (fro^{m} Rev. 3. 3. R$\bar{b}$r thfo how rcd et) yt was pched in o^{r} Meeting House.

27) This was ye Fatal e dismall day, wn ye Meeting House e Houses yrabouts, e mine amongst ye Rest, were burnt wh fire.[1] The services

[1] In "Parentator" (p. 78) it is said by Cotton Mather that this fire was predicted by his father in the sermon which he preached eight days before the event.

of ye day were such yt I could doe noth. at my study. I e my wife e several of my children were kindly entertayned at Mr Richards. The Lord reward him.

28) This morning bef I rise, ys thought ca^{m}e into my mind, Is Judg^{t} begun at ye House of God! Must it begin wth me? And is this all? Shall ye cupp pass away fro^{m} me so? My hr^{t} was melted bef ye Ld. Surely, I see yt God is a Loving e tender hr^{t}ed Father, inasmuch as Hee is pleased to afflict me Correct me wth so much gentleness. Time taken vp in distract^{n}s by reas^{n} of desolations w^{ch} made yesterday.

29) A. M. Time spent in drying my Bookes e taking care about another House et P. M. Removed things to C. Bredons House. [85]

30) A. M. studyed serm^{n}. Read in schindler de Moseroth. P. M. studyed serm^{n}

10$^{m.}$ 1^{d}) visited mr Vsher, mr Thacher et. P. M. dined at mr Vshers et.

2) A. M. Read in Aul. Gellius. P. M. pvsed dr Hoars Bookes. exercising selfe. Hopes of grace in soul.

3) My selfe e most of o^{r} church mett ys day at ye old church, where ye sacr^{t} was administred. God hath by fire driven vs out of his House in one place; but He admitts vs into his House else where, e so in Judg^{t} doth r^{b}r mercy.

4) A. M. geting Bookes at mrs Hoars.[1] where dined. sic P. M.

5) Removed fro^{m} mr Richards to yt House w^{ch} was Capt Bredons.

6) The Time spent in setting vp shelves e Bookes.

7) Day of Publick Hu^{m}iliat^{n}. grounds of deep & sorrowfull Humiliat^{n} bef ye Ld. The sword continueth still in Northern pts. There is sickness e death in diverse places. The sad desolat^{n} by Fire w^{ch} is come vpo^{n} ys end of ye Town, whereby many of my poor Flock are gr impoverished, e ys candlestick removed out of its place, the House of God is Layd wast.

[1] By the fire which took place on November 27, Mather lost "not an Hundred Books from above a Thousand; Of those also he had an immediate Recruit, by a Generous Offer which the Honourable Mrs. *Bridget Hoar* made him, to take what he Pleased from the Library of her Deceased Husband" (Parentator, p. 79). See Mather Papers (II. 29) in the Prince Library, for a list of books given to him by Mrs. Hoar.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, held in Boston on Thursday, January 11, 1900, Dr. Samuel A. Green made the following remarks: —

In connection with the copy of Increase Mather's Diary presented at the last meeting of the Historical Society, I wish to submit certain extracts from another diary kept by Mather, which covers in part the same period of time, and was received from the same source. The entries in this book are much fuller than those in the other. The extracts were made more than a hundred years ago by Dr. Jeremy Belknap from the original diary, which never came into the possession of the Society. Presumably he selected such items as he could use in his historical work, or such as interested him for some other purpose. Various passages taken from the volume at the time it was given, on March 11, 1858, appear in the Proceedings (III. 317–320) of that date. For the most part these extracts, then printed, related to Harvard College, and in the present paper none of them is repeated, though a row of three dots is inserted to mark such gaps. Apparently the diary was kept between the years 1674 and 1687, as entries are found during that period of time; and there is no reason to suppose that more than one volume was used by Dr. Belknap when he made his selections.

It is highly probable that Dr. Belknap's extracts were not always exact copies from the original diary, *i. e.*, "letter-perfect" copies; but were given in a somewhat shortened form, though the substance was kept. In the small volume, later referred to, there is a citation from John Marshall's journal which is now in the possession of the Society. A comparison between the original manuscript and the copy made by Dr. Belknap shows certain changes in the construction of sentences and various omissions of words, but the sense remains the same. There is also reason to think that in a few places he has interjected expressions of his own, but in such instances I have not attempted to separate them from the text, or in any way to decide the matter; though what he has given within brackets, I have added as notes at the bottom of the

page. From time to time he has left blank spaces in his copy, presumably where he was unable to decipher Mather's handwriting, which is very illegible. In such instances I have inserted the word *blank* within brackets.

Among the manuscripts used by the Rev. Thomas Prince, when he compiled his "Chronological History of New-England in the Form of Annals" (Boston, 1736), as appears from his Preface (p. vii), was "An Account of *memorable Things* in *New-England*, from 1674 to 1687 inclusively, written by the late Rev. Dr. *Increase Mather*, in his own Hand." According to Mr. Prince, the manuscript was in quarto form; and it must have been the identical diary now under consideration. In former times it was customary to describe books and even manuscripts by the folds in the paper, and to arrange them as folios, quartos, octavos, etc., though such description would by no means conform to the modern standard of sizes. Dr. Belknap's extracts from the diary are found in a small blank-book of 44 pages, which, since it came into the possession of the Society, together with a *fasciculus* of selections made by him from other sources, has been bound in half-morocco. These latter selections, for the most part made from printed sources, are not given in this paper.

In the copy now presented, for the sake of convenience, the extracts have been arranged chronologically, which was not done in the diary. The entries cover an interesting period in the History of New England, and give details in regard to the minor incidents of Philip's War, which are not found in the more pretentious works relating to that event.

[There are four entries in the diary before November 20, which appear in the Proceedings for March, 1858, and for that reason they are here omitted.]

1674 *Nov* 20. M^{r} [Samuel] Danforth of Roxbury died. in y^{e} 48th year of his age. he was not sick a whole week.

Dec^{r} 15. Some plantations in Long Island refused to submit to the Gov^{t} settled at N York. The Gov^{r} of N Y went to y^{m} in person wth 120 armed men, whereupon they submitted to him. . . .

Dec^{r} 25. Marmaduke Johnson the Printer died in Boston. He had just fitted his press to go to work. He was to have printed the Indian bible.

M^{r} John Foster bought the press intend^{g} to set up printing in Boston.

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In Feb^{y} a report is come as if John Sausaman the Indian were murdered. He was one of the Indian Preachers, of excellent parts & as M^{r} Eliot thinks a sincere Convert.

News cometh that the good people in N Jersey are like to be deprived of all their Estates. When y^{e} former Gov was removed & the Dutch took the place, the good people were glad of it & imprudently appointed a day of thanksgiving. Now Providence has so ordered that the former Gov is returned & inraged. Good M^{r} Pierson was one that kept the day of thanks^{g} with his Chh. Christians should pray for wisdom as well as innocency & sincerity. One imprudent act may bring a whole people into trouble.

It is reported that the Gov of N York doth challenge the greatest part of Connecticut Colony to be und his Jurisdic^{n} This is like to cause trouble.

At Martins vineyard diverse honest people are in great trouble, their estates sequestred by reason of M^{r} M [*blank*] complaining to y^{e} Gov of N Y. . . .

19^{d} 1^{m} I heard y^{t} in Virginia there is a great want of Provision. Men & beasts like to perish, and now they say thus "New England, come & supply us & you shall be custom-free. This is very observable y^{t} in the 1st year when the act ag^{t} N E was put in execution it should be so with y^{m} & that they shd be forced to desire help from N E.

Wheat is scarce among people in Boston. There is a designe at N York to hinder supplies from coming hither that so the Trade of Boston may be diminished & their own increased.

April 14. Cattle die at Rhode Island for want of food.

The famine like to rage in Virginia . . .

4^{d} 2^{m} 1675 Tis reported that at Nosset[1] an Indian Squaw being with child the child was heard crying 3 days before it was born.[2]

29^{d} 2^{m} I heard y^{t} in Long Island many cattle die, cows, sheep, swine in abundance that there is like to be a scarcity of Provisions also y^{t} scarcity begining in some towns beyond New Haven.

In Long Island they complain of their new Gov. [*blank*] Ah poor N E shall scarcity both of [*blank*] & sp^{l} food come on thee! both have been despised.

3^{d} ^{mo} This gen^{l} Court sev^{l} things happened troublesome & uncomfortable. M^{r} Graves being chosen a deputy for Charlestown, the house of deputies were not free to accept of him as suspecting that he might be prelatical in his principles. He refused to declare what his judgment was in that matter therefore they would not receive him. Petitions came from Charlestown on his behalf but in vain, thereby many displeased.

[1] Eastham on Cape Cod. N. B. Nobscusset is part of Yarmouth.

[2] N B. There had been some difficulty in y^{e} Chh there a little before.

Two men (we hear) have been at the Gen[l] Court at Hartford as sent from the Gov[r] of N Y demanding a great part of the Colony as belonging to N Y alledging that it was from favor only that their patent of any use to y[m] so long for y[t] no duplicate of it to be found upon Record in London.

July. 12. We hear y[t] the Indians have destroyed sev[l] Plantations in Plym[o] Colony. Middlebury all but one house burnt, & at Dartm[o] all but 8 houses, & most of the houses in Swansey & y[t] Ninicraft & other Sachems join with Philip.

Tis the saddest time with N E y[t] euer was known.

The Gov of N Y with 50 Men double-armed came in a hostile Way ag[t] Conecticut, but disappointed at Sea-brook, others having possession of the fort.

20[d] 6[m] This week Cap[n] [Edward] Hutchinson died by the wounds w[h] he rec[d] of the Indians [*blank*] It seems to be an observable providence y[t] so many of that family die by the hands of the uncircumcised. His Mother (long ago) & sister. And now himself. His own rashness brought this death on him. The last Sabbath he was in Boston he went out of the meeting house in a discontent, because the [*blank*] admonished a [*blank*] that had been divers times drunk. Some say he refused to join, that he would hold communication with the [*blank*] no more at the Ld's table. M[r] Allen told me he s[d] so to him.

Sep[r]. 1. A day of humiliation in our Congregation, because of trouble on acc[o] of Indians. The Magistrates kept Court this day, (when the Ld did so visibly call them & all the Country to fasting & mourning) whereby many kept from attending that service & much of the solemnity of the day lost. I was troubled at this & expected to hear more sad news, w[ch] soon happened accordingly. For this week news comes that on Sept[r] 1 the very day when we were thus fasting & others shd haue been so but would not, the Indians burnt 17 houses & killed one man at Deerfield, which I haue the more reason to take notice of in that my nephew Sam' Mather is Pastor there.

This day Amalek prevailed over Israel! for Moses' hands were not held up, as should have been![1]

The Court of Assistants condemned S[amuel] G[iles] to die on acc[o] of Rape committed between Haverhill & Newbury. They y[t] were suspected for the Murder not found guilty.

Sep 14. The ferry boat coming from Charlestown sunk in the midst of the River. There were in y[e] boat 14 passengers & 3 horses. One of the Horses was drowned & one man of Watertown whose name was [John] Shadock, He had been wonderfully preserved in the fight w[th] y[e]

[1] N. B. In his printed acc[o] of y[e] War he mentions y[e] fast & the mischief at Deerfield but says nothing of the Magistrates non-attendance at public worship.

Indians when Cap^{t} Beers was killed. It is said that just before this evil befel him, he had been in y^{e} Tavern inveighing ag^{t} the Magistrates & that he was in drink when drowned. In the same boat Crisp was a passanger, who was lately tryed on [*blank*] suspicion in respect of the Murder committed in the winter. not evidence eno' to take away his life. He was bid not to go into the boat because of the danger, but he derided saying He y^{t} was born to be hanged, will never be drowned, & he was not drowned, though in such guilt. It is to be feared y^{t} at last hanging may be his Portion. . . .

This week somebody in the night time erected a Pillar over the Quakers Graves (who were hanged) under the gallows & wrote "Here lie the bodies of such & such, their souls triumphing in [*blank*] their blood crying for Vengeance." This is an ill Omen.[1]

Oct. 24. This day M^{r} Cutts of Portsmouth died in Boston being sent hither as a deputy. A solemn Providence y^{t} one of the General Court should die in the time of the Courts session! and he died in the Governor's house! He was one of the richest men in New England.

Nov 9. This day the House of Deputies passed the Bill for Reformation &c but the Magistrates would not pass it pretending they had not time. And the night after the Lord forsook the English forces; for not far from Mendon Cap^{t} Hinchman with his soldiers had a great Opportunity to cut off the Indians who were asleep in a Wigwam but after some firing his men cowardly ran away, when the Indians killed his Lieu^{t} & another, & were mightily animated &c, a sore rebuke!

Alas that Reformation should stick at the head! Lord lay it not to their charge, especially impute it not to the Country!

Nov^{r} 15. The magistrates consented to the bill for Reformation as to most of the Particulars contained therein.

Nov 18. Gen^{l} Court broke up in discontent [*blank*] lamentable [*blank*] to the scandal of religion. . . .

In his printed acc^{o} of the War p. 18, he makes this observation.

October 19 The conclusions of the Committee (viz of both houses assisted by ye teaching elders) respecting Reformation were signed & delivered into the Gen^{l} Court, who voted acceptance & appointed another Committee to draw up laws in order to the establishm^{t} &c Now as I remember Fox the Martyrologist observes $\overline{w}$ respect to the reformation in K Edw 6. days, y^{t} the very day & hour when the act of Reformation was put in Execution at London G gave y^{e} Eng^{h} a signal victory ag^{t} the Scots at Musselborough, so it was proportionably with us. For that day when the Vote was past the Lord gave success to our forces at Hatfield &c

[1] N. B. This writer deals much in Omens, & appears very superstitious, in many of his remarks on Common Occurrences. vide finem hujus libri.

MS. 6d 10m This day we hear yt another of the wounded Captains viz Seily of Connecticut is dead. He died on the Sabbath! It may be it was not pleasing to God that the English should engage the Enemy on the Sabbath day![1]

I hear that a strange Creature was killed at Stonington in Connecticot on Decr 15 by the description of it, it seems to be a Lion.

11d 11m This day I hear that G has shot an arrow into the midst of this Town. The small pox is in an ordinary ye sign of the Swan, the ordinary Keepers name is Windsor. His daughter is sick of the disease. It is observable that this disease begins at an alehouse, to testify God's displeasure agt the sin of drunkenness & yt of multiplying alehouses!

12d The maid that was sick of the small pox is dead.

14d A Quaker (Robert Ford) nailed a note on the meeting house doors in Boston, declaring that the ruin of this place was at hand. It may be the Lord will preserve us notwithstanding [*blank*] the false prophets so speak!

21 & 22d 11m Strange warm weather like April, whereby the snow exceedingly wasted, & it is to be feared, that the Indians will have great advantage thereby to scatter & do mischief, so that the Lord seems to be against us still & to take part with our adversaries![2]

Connecticot hath hitherto escaped, but many times when a storm cometh, the tail of it is most heavy & formidable. The places that shall be punished most, shall be punished at last. Lord, be more gracious! . . .

8d 12m Strange warm weather like May, so as that I could not well bear a fire in my study! . . .

13d 1m This day the Indians set upon Groton, &c In the pursuit after the Indians Turner the Anabaptist being made a Captain had like to have been drowned. This seems to me an observable Providence, that he who had dipped others & has been the principal cause of the trouble raised by the Indians in that place.

12d W Clarke's house of Plymo assaulted by the Indians this sabbath day. 11 persons killd. He sd to me about a month ago when I told him he should not so condemn all the [*blank*] Indians as he did wishing them hanged &c that their inocent blood would cry. He replied that he would say as the Jews did, their blood be upon me & my Children, which was a dreadful expression & made me fear what would come upon his Children.

This week one that was taken Captive at Groton made an escape out

[1] N. B. This was ye famous attack on the Narraganset fort, concerng wh in his printed acco he says "Here was not only a Victory but also a signal preservation, for wh let the Father of mercies have eternal glory!"

[2] Strange! that there cannot be a warm day in Winter, but it must be a Weather-breeder!

of the Enemy's hands. His name is Blood, a troublesome Man in that place! I wish that the return of such a Man to us may not be ominous of a return of Blood! . . .

May 9 [1676]. Our army w^{ch} is abroad met with a party of Indians & dispersed about 13 of them. The praying Indians did approve themselves faithful to the English & did very good service at this as well as at other Times, inasmuch as many who had hard thoughts of them begin to blame themselves & to have a good opinion of the praying Indians who have been so generally & so sinfully decryed. . . .

May 15. At Lieut Howland's Garison in Plym^{h} was seen in the air an Indian bow pointing from East to West![1] . . .

[*June*] 10 A ship arrived from E wherein there came one Randolph who bro't a letter from the K about complaints made ag^{t} this Govern^{t} by reason of Gorges & their patent & Interest in the Eastern parts.

Discoursing with M^{r} John Oliver he told me that when he was in the streights & at Venice there were 40 Protestant Ministers bro't out of Germany condemned to be galley slaves all their days! Lord, pour out a Vial upon the house of Austria!

July 30. This Evening being the Sabbath between 8 & 9 a'clock there appeared a stream of fire.

August 7. Some of those Indians (women & Children) who lately submitted themselves to the English as they were gathering huckleberries in Concord were murdered by 4 Englishmen. A sad thing. It may be it will occasion the Indians to seek to revenge their blood which has been shed & new troubles to arise. And if Justice be not done upon the Murderers, God will take Vengeance. . . .

In the latter end of August many sick with fever & fluxes (especially in Boston) which proved mortal. Above 50 died in Aug^{t} in this Town. In the last week in Aug^{t} I hear of 11 that died in 2 days.

In the first Week in September 19 Persons indicted & tried for their lives in Boston.

Sagamore Sam was brought in.

Sep 13. There were 8 Indians shot to death in Boston of those that were bro't in from the Eastward.[2]

21. There were 3 Indians hanged & an Englishman hanged also, for murdering the Indians not far from Concord. Also another Englishman that was condemned should this day have been hanged but he died in prison The like not known y^{t} a Man should die or be sick on the day appointed for his Execution. A sad thing also that English & Indians should be executed together.

We hear that 40 Indians have submitted themselves to the English

[1] Perhaps the edge of a cloud illuminated by the rising or setting sun. I have seen divers appearances of the like kind.

[2] These were taken at Cochecho by a Stratagem of Major Waldron.

at the Eastward, because afraid of the Mohawks who have killed several.

22. This day Sagamore Sam was hanged at Boston. And the sick Englishman that should have been executed the last Week (whose name was Goble) was hanged with him. It seems a mad woman got away the rope which should have hanged the English Man, wherefore he was hanged with the very same rope w^{h} had hanged the Indian just before.

The same day 3 other Indians hanged, viz the Sagamore of Quaboag, one-eyed John, & Jethro. They were betrayed into the hands of the English by Indians.

Nov. 4. Mugg the Indian Cap^{t} came to Boston to treat about peace with the Eastern Indians.

11. Discoursing with Mugg he told me that this winter many Indians at the Eastward had starved to Death & particularly that there were 3 Sachems starved to Death.

Nov. 25. A vessel from Ireland laden with Provisions arrived here, being sent by the Quakers in Dublin for those that were impoverished by the War here.

27. a dismal day. Near my dwelling a fire broke out about 5 h A M. & consumed Houses & many goods. Among others my house & the house appointed for solemnizing the publick worship of God were consumed. Yes there was a great mixture of mercy with judg^{t} for tho' the wind was high yet it rained much w^{ch} prevented the houses from taking fire so soon as else would have been. Also divers houses being blown up & the wind suddenly fallen through this end of the Town was in extreme danger the wind being southeast many habitations are yet spared.

[For an extract from Captain Lawrence Hammond's Journal, which appears in Dr. Belknap's copy, see page 54.]

9^{m} 19^{d} [1] Having this day preached from Zeph 3. 7 as I was gone into my study & was there walking I was much moved before y^{e} Lord, using this soliloquy. O Lord God I have told this people in thy name that thou art about to cut off their dwellings, but they will not believe me, Lord who hath believed our report? Nevertheless O that God would spare them &c

Thus did I weep before the Lord.

The next Sabbath day our Meeting house & all the neighbouring houses were burnt to the ground.[2]

11^{m} 15^{d} The Natick Indians killed & took 50 of the Enemy. viz of Pomham's Indians.

[1] The following should have been inserted before Nov^{r} 27 (it being in another part of I M's diary devoted to his private affairs)

[2] This last paragraph in y^{e} MS evidently appears to have been written *not* at y^{e} same time nor with y^{e} same Pen nor ink with the preceding.

M[r] [Thomas] Cobbets Son returned out of Captivity. The Indians desire no Peace. The sword is not yet put up.[1]

March 11. Soldiers returned from Eastward they bro't w[th] y[m] the bones of Cap[t] Lake & as much of his body as remained unconsumed w[h] was honorably interred in Boston March 13, being 7 Months after he was killed. He was found in the place where the Indians killed him. Lord be known by avenging the blood of thy saints!

1677

April. This month M[r] [Thomas] Parker Pastor of y[e] Chh in Newbury died aged above 80 years.

In May, hear that the Mohawks are by the Encouragement rec[d] from Major Pynchon & M[r] James Richards who were sent to treat with them resolved to fall upon East Indians who have done hurt to the English.

May. In y[e] beginning of this Month our meeting house was raised.[2]

June 29. A doleful Slaughter near Black Point. Tis tho't that 50 persons were slain. There were near 100 soldiers, it is questioned whether there were so many of the Enemy. They fought in a plain, not above 5 (or thereabouts) of ours y[t] came off without being either slain or wounded. Our soldiers, some of y[m] basely ran away w[h] occasioned the slaughter. The Enemy strangely bold & courageous. So y[t] there never was a more solemn rebuke since the War begun.

July 5. Day of public humiliation. The next day y[e] Indians killed 7 persons in new Salisbury [now Amesbury]. Presently upon notice of the fast day a sore blasting observed upon the wheat & barley in divers Towns. . . .

July 15. In the night after the sabbath a Post bro't intelligence that the Indians had taken several Ketches belonging to Salem at Cape Sables.

2 Indians were bro't to Marblehead. the Women there in a boisterous rage set upon & killed them. This done upon y[e] Sabbath day [*blank*] coming out of the meeting house. In y[e] latter end of this Month one of the Eastern Sagamores that was stolen away & sold by Lowton was returned in a Vessel from Fyal.

The New York men are erecting a fort near Pemaquid they have pretended a Peace with the Indians who are our Enemies & send to us that we may be included therein if we please. A most humbling Providence in more respects than one.

Skipper Howe of New Haven returned thought to be lost. He was driven upon an Island near Cape Sable in Nov[r] last no inhabitant being

[1] N. B. During the year past alarms were frequent, in Medfield, Dedham, Weymouth & Hingham, which reached to Boston. People were killed in each of those Towns.

[2] This was the House called y[e] Old North w[h] was taken down in 1775 by y[e] British troops for fuel.

on the Island. All in his Vessel died in a short time. He lived there alone 15 Weeks together feeding upon Crows, Gulls &c

Sep 22. Sad tidings from Hatfield, y^t^ the 19^th^ inst 12 persons were killed & 20 taken Captive. The Indians about Chelmsford withdrawn themselves.

27. An alarm at Cambridge & Watertown (tho upon no ground) as if the Indians at Sudbury. Malignant fevers & small pox in Boston.

Oct. 28. Indians burnt a Mill at Hadley. The public school maintained out of that Mill.

Dec. 5. A day of humiliation in our Congregat^n^ on acc^o^ of small pox. This day it broke out in 3 or 4 families. God seemeth angry at the prayers of his poor Creatures.

1678

April 10. M^r^ [Samuel] Willard ordained in Boston.

16. M^r^ [Noah] Newman died at Rehoboth. [See Historical Collections, fourth series, VIII. 233 *note.*]

24 A Chh gathered in Milton.

June 6. public fast on acc^o^ of small pox.

19. Indians supposed Mohawks came upon Natick Indians killed 3 & took captive 25.

July 3. It seemeth the Eastern Indians grow more & more tumultuous.

The last Week in July & beging of August, the small pox very sore in Boston. 7 or 8 died in a Week. 3 buried in a day.

Aug. 8. a Fast in y^e^ old meeting house because of y^e^ small pox. Within 2 days after 7 persons died. The next Sab 19 prayed for in y^e^ meeting house.

The latter end of Aug^t^ & beg of Sep^r^ the small Pox spread much in Boston

This new Moon 150 Persons fell down by y^e^ small pox. above 30 taken in a day.

The beg of Sep^r^ extreme hot until y^e^ Sun come to the equinoctial, then sudenly altered.

Sept 11. 9 persons buried in B^o^ this day
4 the next day
8. 54 prayed for sick of sm pox
15. 45 prayed for.
22 19 d^o^
29 35. d^o^

In beg Oct. sore epidemical Colds. In Salem, malignant fevers.

Oct 12. M^r^ [Samuel] Symonds Dep Gov^r^ died
13. 19 Persons prayed for sick of sm pox
15. M^r^ Thacher died.

20. 30 Persons prayed for sick sm Pox.
21. Mr Bradstreet chosen Dep Govr
27 34 prayed for

Nov 3. 80 Persons prayed for. 8 dead of the disease this day. 6 buried. I am told yt 38 died in one Week, beging of Novr

Novr 17. 40 persons prayed for
18. 8 buried. 9 ye next day.

21 An Universal fast thro' ye 3 Colonies in special for ye rising Generation. 48 prayed for sick of small pox.

24 42 dº

Decr 1. 46 dº
8. 48 dº next day 12 died
15. 14 prayed for
22. 19 dº
29 29 dº

11m 5d 12 prayed for
13d 21 dº
19. 13 dº
26. 8 dº

12m 1d Mr Corlet one of the fellows of the Collge died of sm pox.
9. 3 prayed for
16 3 dº
23 3 dº

1m 2d but one prayed for
9. 6 prayed for
16 Not one prayed for. This day the Govr [Leverett] died

1679

April 7. & 13. 2 prayed for sick of small pox.
23. pub. thanksg in Congregan to praise God for restoring health to Boston.[1]

Augt 8. About midnight a fire broke out near Grosses (appearing first on ye outside of ye house judged to be kindled on purpose). The greatest part of ye riches of ye Town thought to be consumed in this Conflagration. £150,000 loss. if the wind had been high the whole Town had been endangered. The fire prevailed as far as the drawbridge. The late Gov'rs house being made of brick was saved with much ado. If it had been burnt many others must have gone. The town house was on fire but put out. if that had been burnt probably ye 2 meetg Hºs in yt part of ye Town must have followed.

I was alone crying to ye Lord, to stay his hand as Amos. 7. 4. 15.

Augt 30. a blazing star seen in England.

[1] In July several attempts were made by some ill minded Persons to set fire to houses, but the fires were extinguished.

Nov 15. M[r] [John] Whelewright of Salisbury died.

16. Randolph the Enemy of New Engld arrived at N York.

March. I hear the small pox has destroyed a great part of the Indians about Delaware bay.

A contest between the Gov[r]s of N Y & N Jersey

13. The Council ordered the Doors of the meeting house w[h] the Anabaptists have built in Boston, to be shut up. They took away their doors [*blank*] boards were nailed. So perverse were they that they would not meet in a private house but met this Sabbath out of doors [*blank*] their meeting house.

1680

May. This general Court a Woman (a member of the Church at Newberry) tryed & condemned on y[e] account of Witchcraft.

In the Province of Maine the New Yorkers are causing trouble commanding some of the Inhabitants belonging to y[e] Colony to submit to them, so that soldiers are pressed to go with the Dep[t] Gov[r] [*blank*] in order to a resettlement of affairs.

In this Month Ld Culpepper came to Boston.

Sep 16. M[r] [Josiah] Flint pastor of y[e] Chh in Dorchester died

Oct. 17. Sir Edmund Andross Gov[r] of New York came to Boston, tis tho't his design was to speak with the Ld Culpepper (Gov[r] of Virginia) but he set sail 2 days before Sir Edmund came so that he returned homewards within a Week. There seems to be a special Providence in this disappointment at this juncture. Tis said the Ld Culpepper after he was abroad took some oaths from Randolph & Russel (who went in a vessel with him) against the Country. The ship reported to be leaky. The Lord can sink those that design evil against his Churches & Interest in N E

In october, the gen[l] Court met at Boston, the Magistrates & deputies seldom agreeing in their votes. There were solemn & difficult Cases before the Gen[l] Court, yet they would not or did not, desire any advice from y[e] Elders as in such Cases had been used. [*blank*] let the issue of things be observed & whether refusing to send Messengers (or an apology) upon the Kings Command do not involve this Country in woful troubles except strange Motions in E different [*blank*] what there is cause to fear & to expect.

The [*blank*] passed a Law that there shd be 2/6 p[r] head paid for oxen, horses &c y[t] come out of the Colonyes 6[d] for sheep &c whereby oppression to Boston. A few such Laws would be like to cause a meeting.

2 Negroes killed themselves on a Sabbath day. The blast at Connecticut was never so great on their wheat as this year. Hundreds of acres will not yield enough to supply one family. A Comet appeared in November in the morning & in Dec[r] in the Even[g], wearing a formidable aspect.

*Dec*r 16. Fast throughout ye Colony. A Letter from the K expressing much displeasure agt the Colony, requiring to send agents within 3 months to answer Complaints especially Mason's claim as far as Salem

19. Govr Winslow died.

21. John Russel died, the Anabaptist teacher, lately a shoemaker in Woburn. The week before, came out the Anabaptists Narrative in Print published by that Russel wherein they glory that in the Time of small pox none of them have died.

1681

This year begins awfully. The latter end of last year was attended with a fearful blazing star whereby the whole earth hath been alarmed. Now we hear rumors as if some prodigies observed in Connecticut Colony. Tis reported that at Wallingford an Indian appeared in the star (probably a phantasy, *interlined*) Guns & drums heard at Middletown & Guildford. (*In ye margin* the report occasioned by a drum which somebody did really beat but was supposed to be an invisible hand.) Rumors & great fears lest N E should be involved in another War with the Indians.

Feb. The coldest winter that has been known these 40 years.

Several attempts to set fire to houses in town but all discovered.[1] . . .

A very dry season until Augt 8 & 9 when God sent a plentiful rain.

Aug. 24. The Overseers of the College met at Cambridge spending the day in Prayer. One special request was to entreat for more rain from heaven. The beginning of the next week God sent a plentiful rain.

*Sep*r 9, Mr John Foster the Printer died. a great loss to ye Country. . . .

*Dec*r 17. Randolph arrived in Boston

1682

This winter Simon & Squando, the bloody Eastern Indians, died; the latter of wh hanged himself.

A dry spring until April 10.

*Aug*t a more plentiful harvest than formerly

*Sep*r 2 a shock of an Earthquake in the night felt at Boston & Beverly.

From Aug 10, to Sepr 20, a dry season h. c. all the time of the Comet's appearing Mr Bond's coming to Boston was attended with a blazing star.

[1] Several houses set on fire in Boston & Roxbury at different times by Negroes.

In Sep^{r} The old Chh resolved to have M^{r} Bond. M^{r} Allen their teacher told them he could not in conscience consent to his being put to vote as to office. Presently upon w^{ch} the Ruling Elder Wiswal put it to vote & it was voted by a major part of the Chh.

This happens quickly after their peace made with the new Chh. It may be they were not humbled for that difference as they should haue been & so the Lord will leaue them to another schism among themselves.

1683

Oct. 27. Randolph arrived at Boston

1684.

Old M^{r} [Thomas] Carter the principal Pastor of the Chh in Woburn died.

1685

Aug^{t} 16 M^{r} [William] Adams Pastor of Dedham died. The Ld's day before that, M^{r} [John] Sherman Pastor of Watertown died

Nov 3. M^{r} Nat Chauncy Pastor of the Chh in Hatfield died.

5. M^{r} [Thomas] Cobbet died.

This Winter the small Pox at Piscataqua.

1686

May 14. Arrived a frigate from E with a Commission for some [*blank*] to take the Government.

25 The Commission was proclaimed tho' the Gen^{l} Court declared against it and adjourned to October

June 6. The Common prayer Worship and Baptism with the Cross publickly practised in Boston in the Town-house.

The small pox spreading in the Town.

July 14. A Fast thro' y^{e} Colony on acc^{o} of y^{e} drought.

Aug^{t} A great drought. swamps on fire in many parts of the Country, could not be quenched. the fire burnt underground in some places six feet.

Dec^{r} 20. Sir Edmund Andross arrived with a Commission as Gov^{r}

1687

March 16. S Edm Andros took possession of y^{e} South Meeting house for y^{e} Chh of England where they kept their good friday & y^{e} next L Day kept their Easter & had y^{e} Sac^{t} accordg to the Liturgy.

Ap^{l} 17. S^{r} Ed Andros with Randolph & y^{e} rest of y^{e} Chh of E men bro't the Com prayer Worship into y^{e} S meetg house.

23. This Sabbath night was greatly profaned by bonfires, fireworks &c under pretence of honor to y^{e} King's Coronation.

27. Sword playing was this day openly practised on a Stage in Boston & that immediately after y^e^ Lecture, so y^t^ the Devil has begun a Lecture in Boston on a Lecture-day wh was set up for Christ.

May 1. A May pole was set up in Charlestown.

The following extract from Capt. Lawrence Hammond's Journal is not found in the original diary, which is owned by the Society. Presumably, when it was taken by Dr. Belknap, it appeared in the part of the volume now missing, of which an account is given in the Proceedings (second series, VII. 144, 145) for January, 1892. See *ante*, page 47.

An acc^o^ of y^e^ same fire from y^e^ Journal of Capt Lawrence Hammond of Charlest^n^

Nov 27, 76 A fire brake out in Boston about 5 in y^e^ Morng at one Wakefields house by the Red Lion by a candle carelessly set and enlightened w^ch^ so prevailed y^t^ it burnt down about 45 dwelling houses, the north meeting house & several warehouses. The wind was S E when it began, & blew hard. Soon after it rained y^e^ wind veering S bro't so much rain that did much prevent further mischief which (the wind blowing extreme hard) it had probably laid in ashes all that end of the Town & endangered Charlestowne also, for many hundred flakes of fire came over the River & fell among houses barns &c Some were carried quite over to y^e^ other side of the Town by Johnsons Brick-kilns. There were burnt down M^r^ Increase Mather's house, M^r^ Jeremiah Cushings, Thomas Moores, tenements all of them, which brought him in about 70 or 80 £ p^r^ Ann Rents, Lieut Way's House, D^r^ Stone's houses, M^r^ John Winsle's M^r^ Anthony Checkleys new house with sundry others that were considerable. About 5 houses were blown up which was a means to prevent the spreading of the fire. About 70 or 80 families dispossessed of their dwellings & lodgings some losing all they had.

It is affirmed by Sam Kittle of our town that he standing at the S corner of the meeting house after it was fallen down (but all the timber-work of a violent flame) he saw a black cat jump in at y^e^ S end who ran clear through y^t^ vehement fire, the whole length of y^e^ meeting house & saw her run out at the further end without any apparent damage; which must needs be preternatural. A boy standing by him saw the same.[1]

Nov 29. M^r^ Hezekiah Usher married to Madam Bridget Hoar, widow of D^r^ Hoar deceased.

(Thus far Hammond's journal)

[1] Another acc^o^ of this fire with D^r^ Mather's prophetic Sermon concerning it on y^e^ preceeding 19^th^ of Nov^r^ from Zeph. III. 7. is in the acc^o^ of his life published by his Son Cotton Mather page 78.

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